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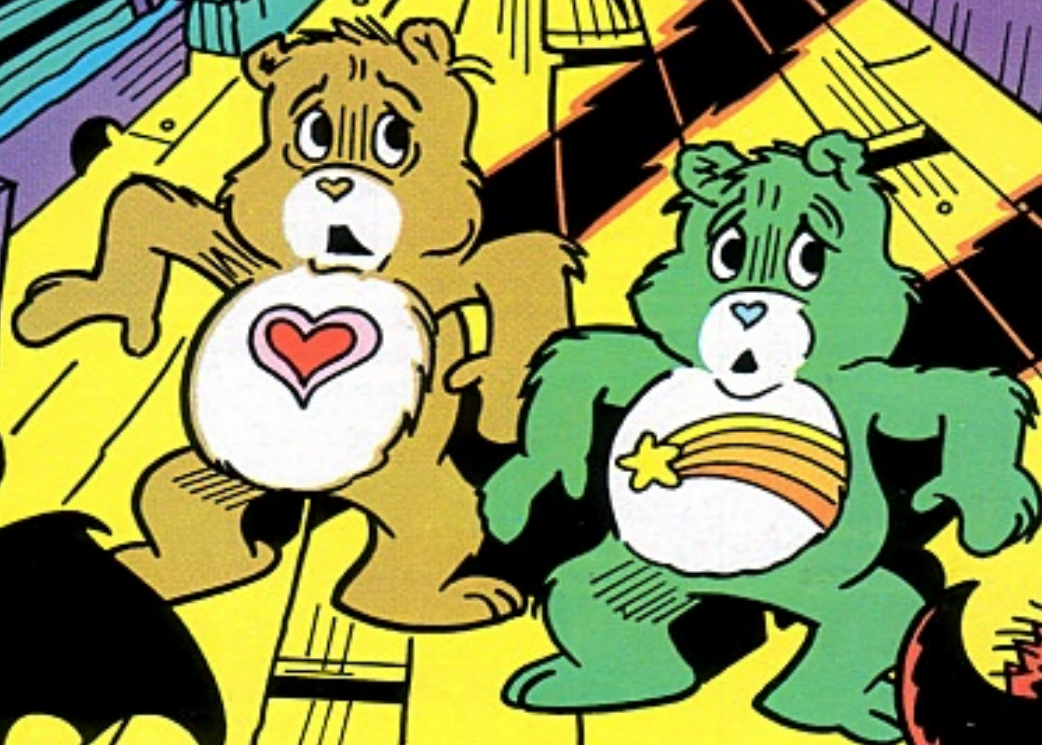
THE CARE BEARS MEET THE

**McMONSTERS!**

# Care Bears

ARE WE CARE BEARS  
OR S-S-SCARED BEARS?

UH... I'M N-NOT  
S-S-SURE!







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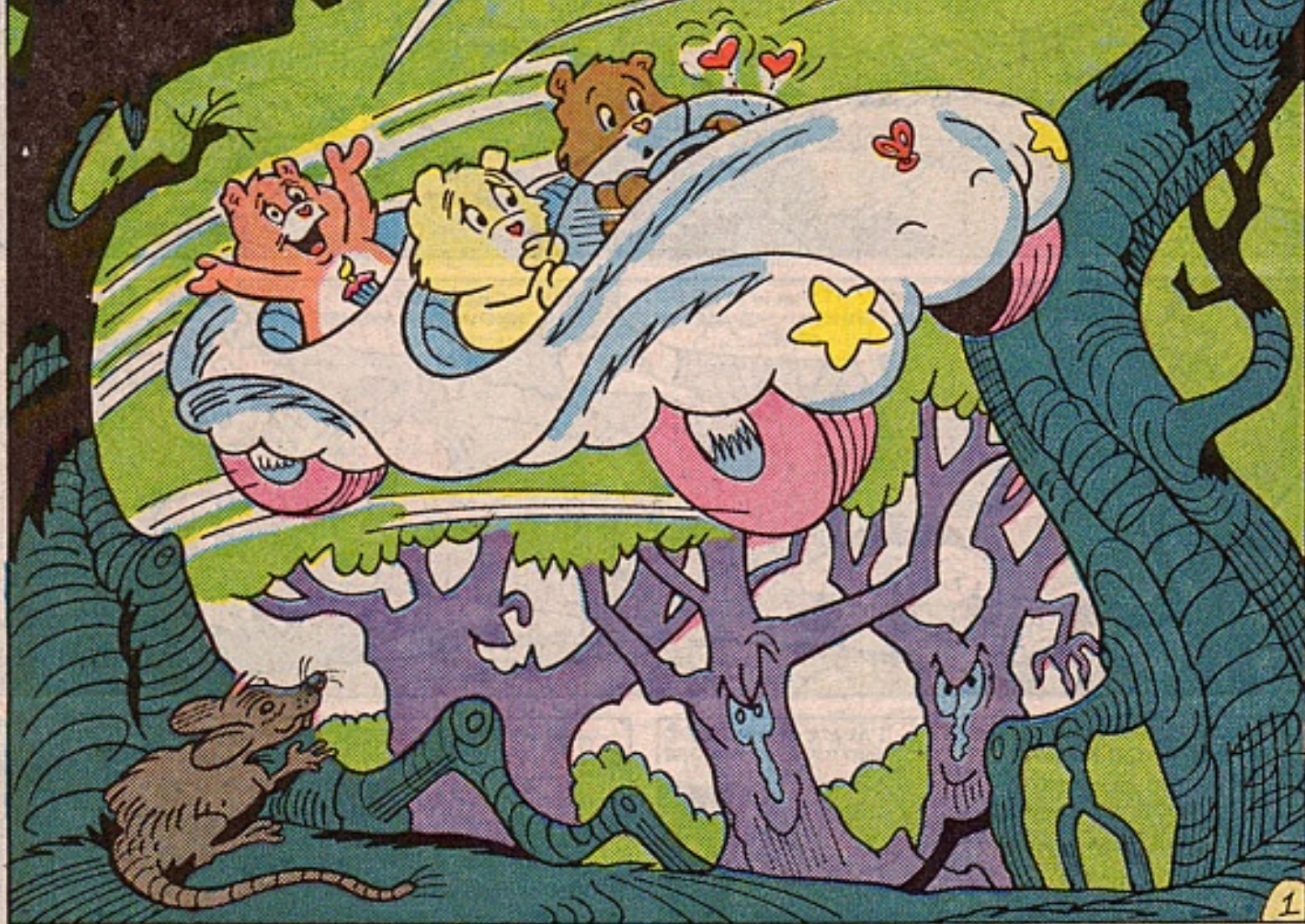
"MEET THE McMONSTERS"  
OR... "LEARNING FRIGHT  
FROM **WRONG!**"

# Care Bears

I SURE HOPE THIS IS A  
SHORTCUT YOU'RE TAKING  
BACK TO CARE-A-LOT,  
TENDERHEART!

OH, FUNSHINE BEAR,  
DON'T BE SO NERVOUS  
ABOUT DRIVING THROUGH  
THIS SPOOKY FOREST!

UH-OH! OUR CARE  
ALARM IS LIT UP!!  
SOMEONE CLOSE BY  
NEEDS CARE!



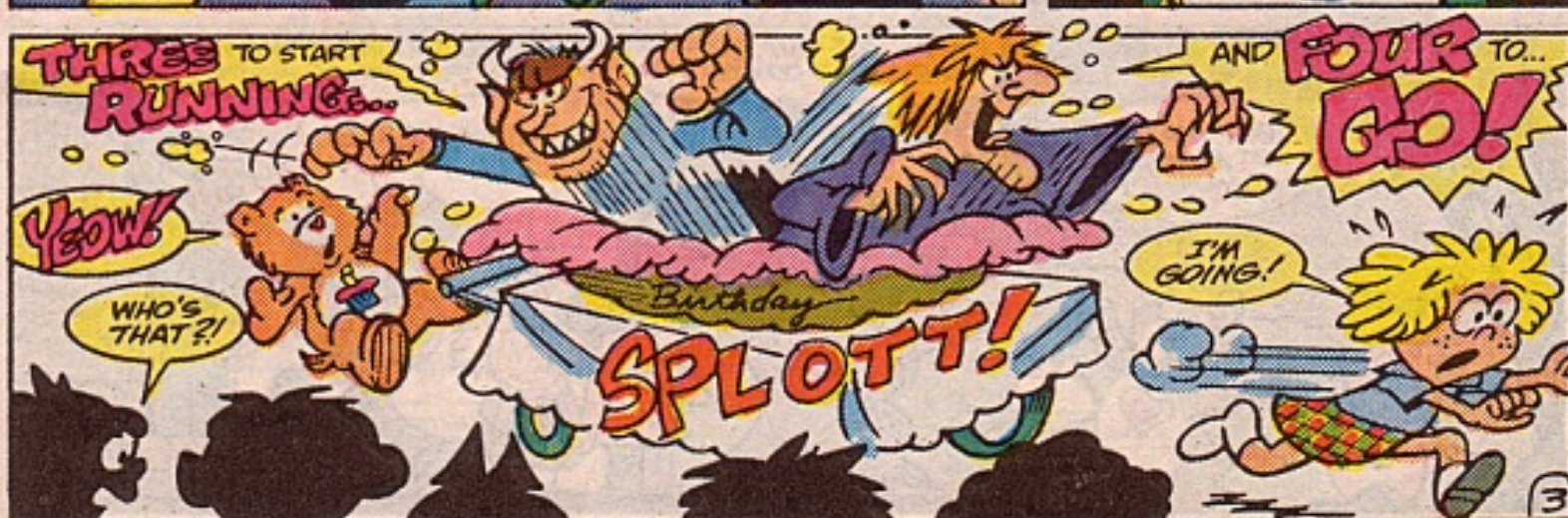
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THIS WAS A BIRTHDAY  
PARTY!

YIPES! NOT A  
HALLOWEEN  
PARTY!

SHRIEK! ARRGH!

STOP!  
YOU'RE SCARING  
THE CHILDREN!

IT'S NO USE,  
TENDERHEART!

EVERY TIME WE TRY TO  
MAKE FRIENDS...

...MOM AND DAD FRIGHTEN  
THEM AWAY!!

HAW-HAW! NICE  
GOING, KIDS!!

MOM  
AND  
DAD?!

THANKS FOR ROUNDING UP THOSE  
CHILDREN FOR US TO SCARE!

BUT WE WANTED TO MAKE  
FRIENDS WITH THOSE KIDS!

DON'T BE SILLY, EEK! YOU'RE A McMONSTER  
AND McMONSTERS ARE SUPPOSED TO  
SCARE PEOPLE!

YEAH!

"NICE?!" WHAT HAS  
NICE GOT TO DO WITH IT?!

WE'RE TALKING FAMILY HONOR!  
FOLLOW ME INSIDE!

BUT THAT'S  
NOT NICE, MR.  
McMONSTER!



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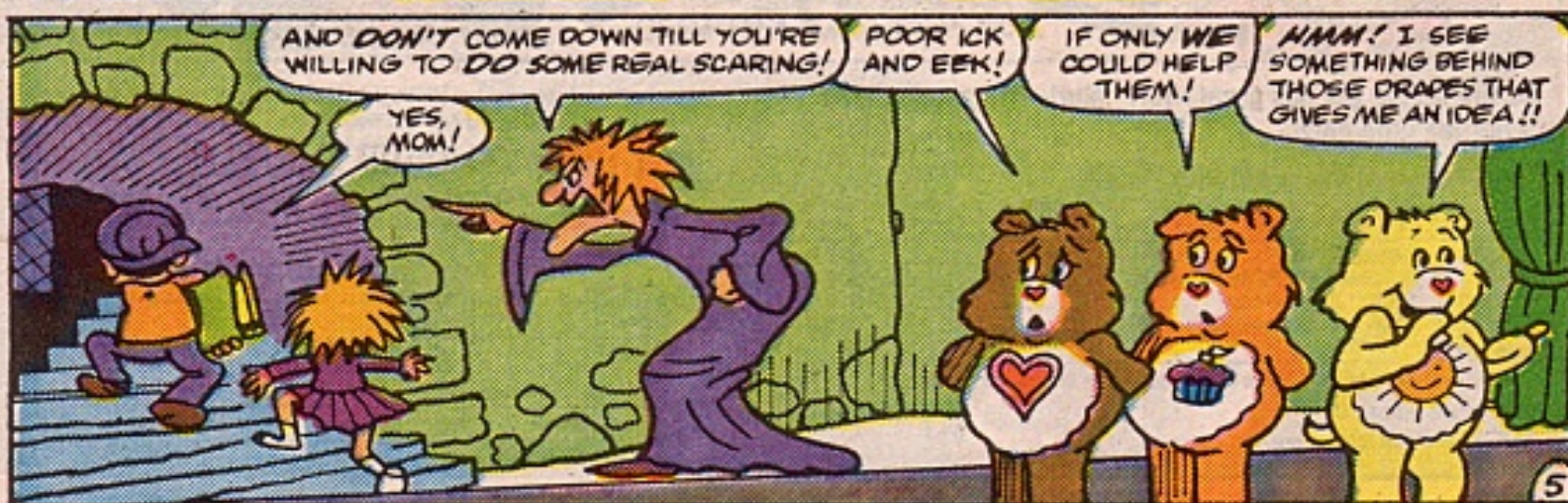
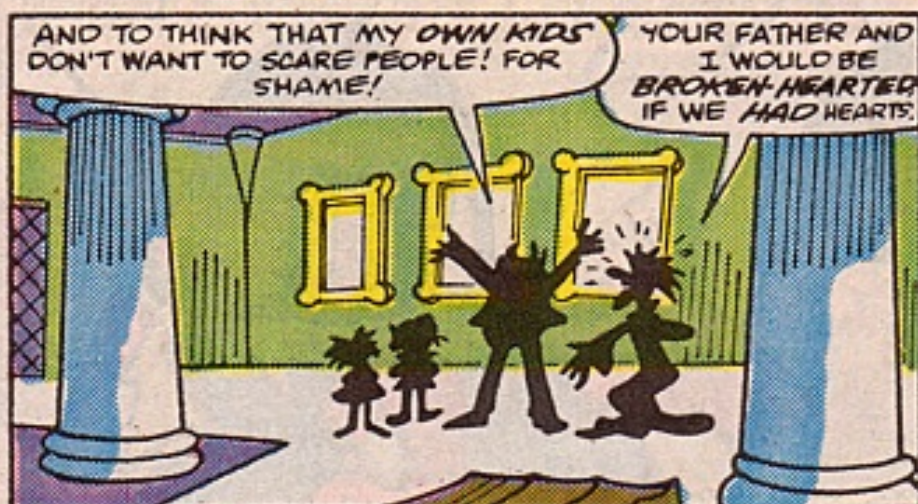
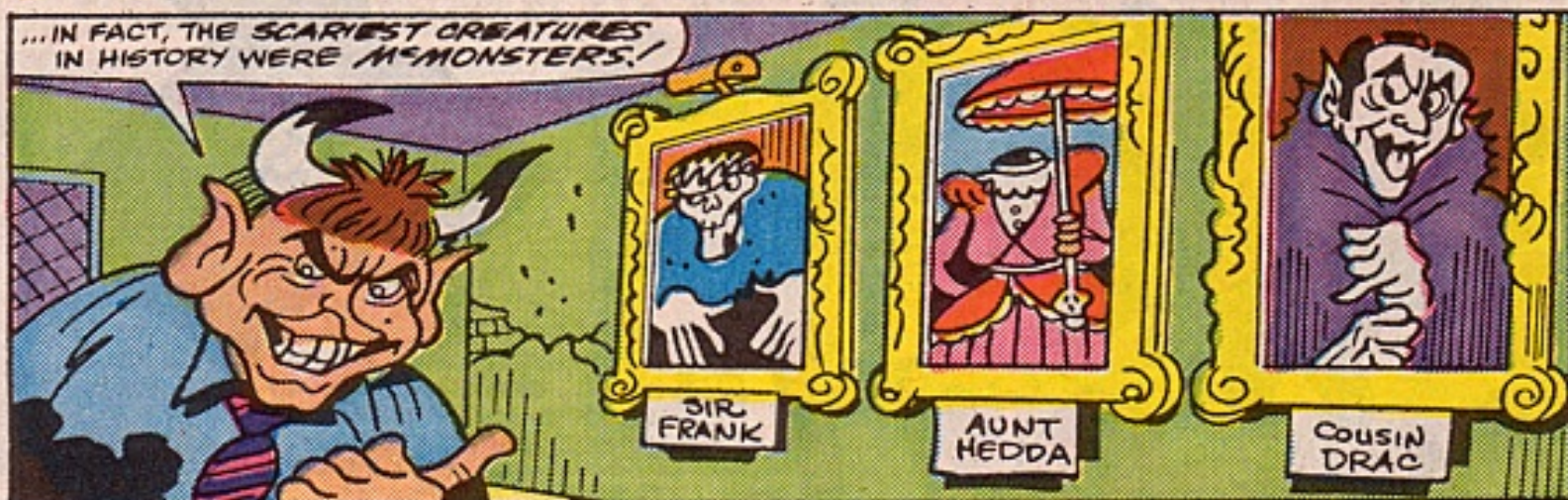
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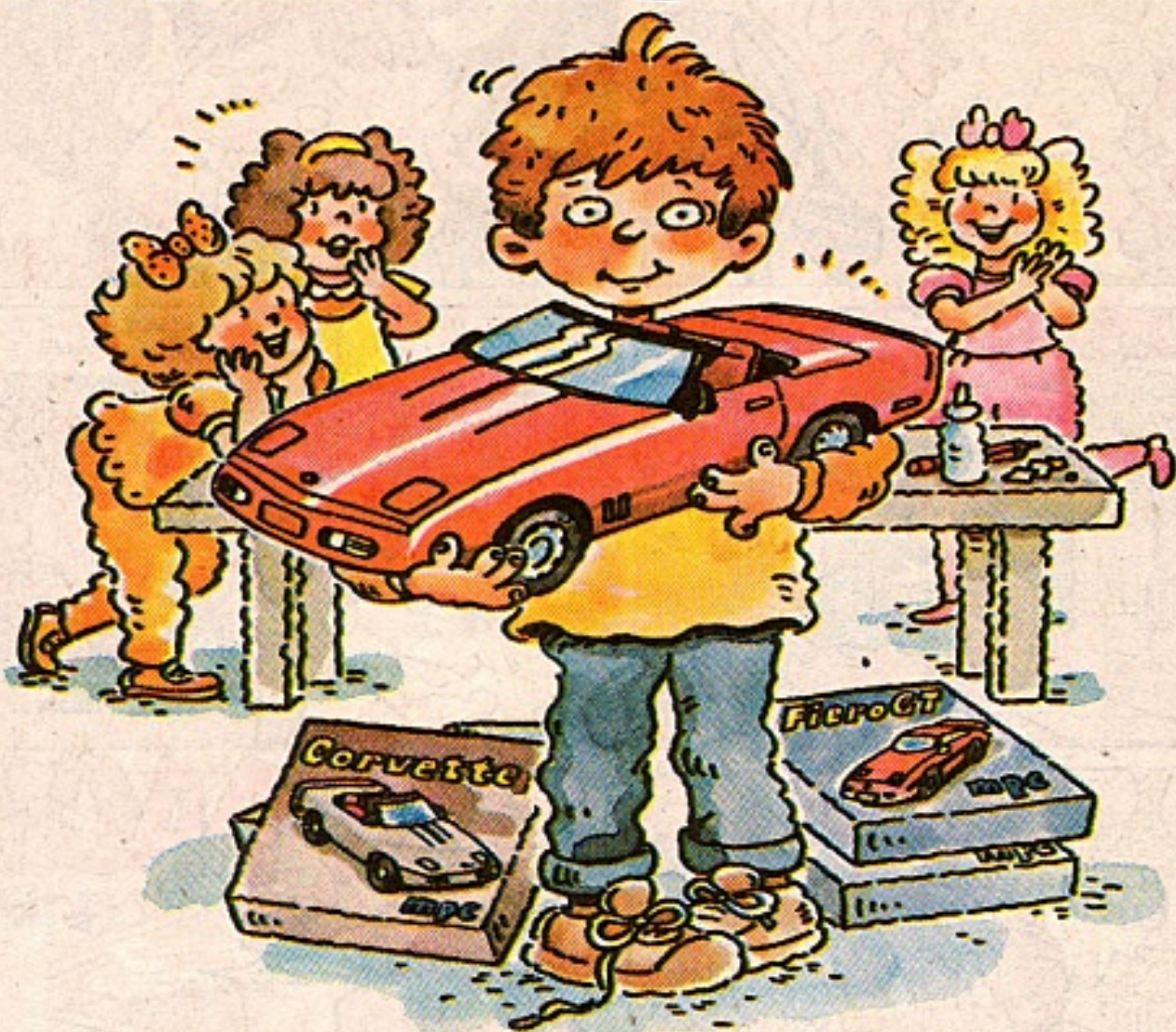
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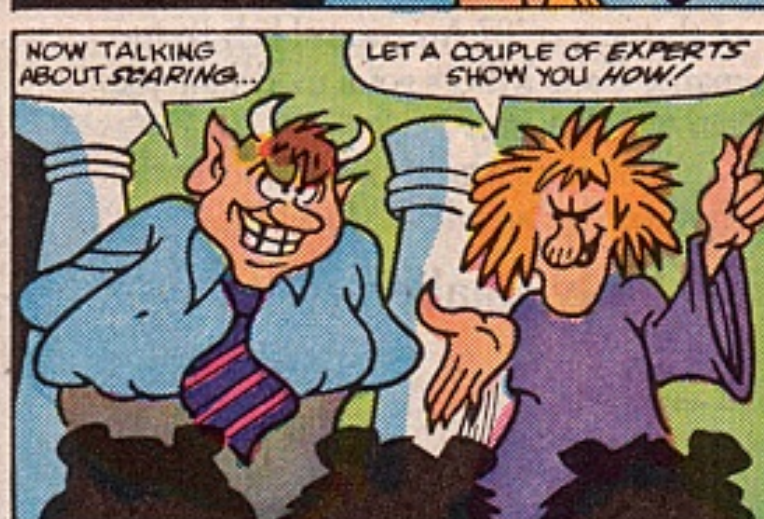
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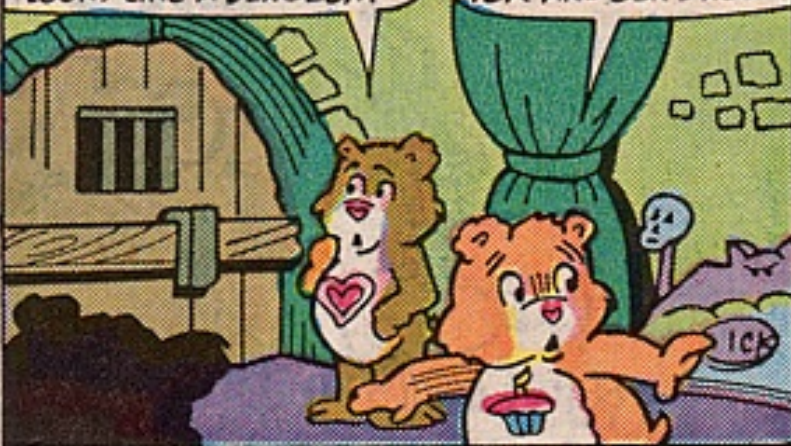


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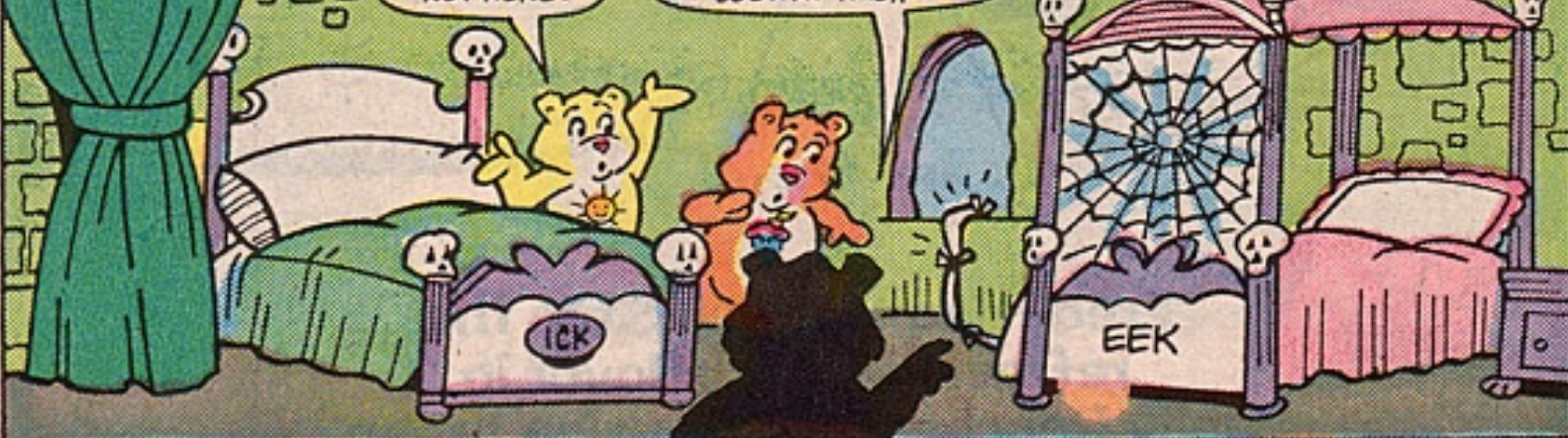
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?! IT LOOKS LIKE A DUNGEON!

HEY! THIS MUST BE ICK AND EEK'S ROOM!

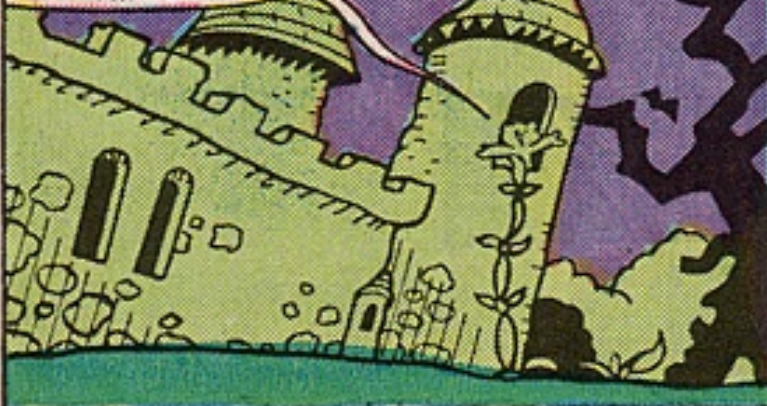


BUT THEY'RE NOT HERE!

FUNSHINE! BIRTHDAY! LOOK AT THIS!!



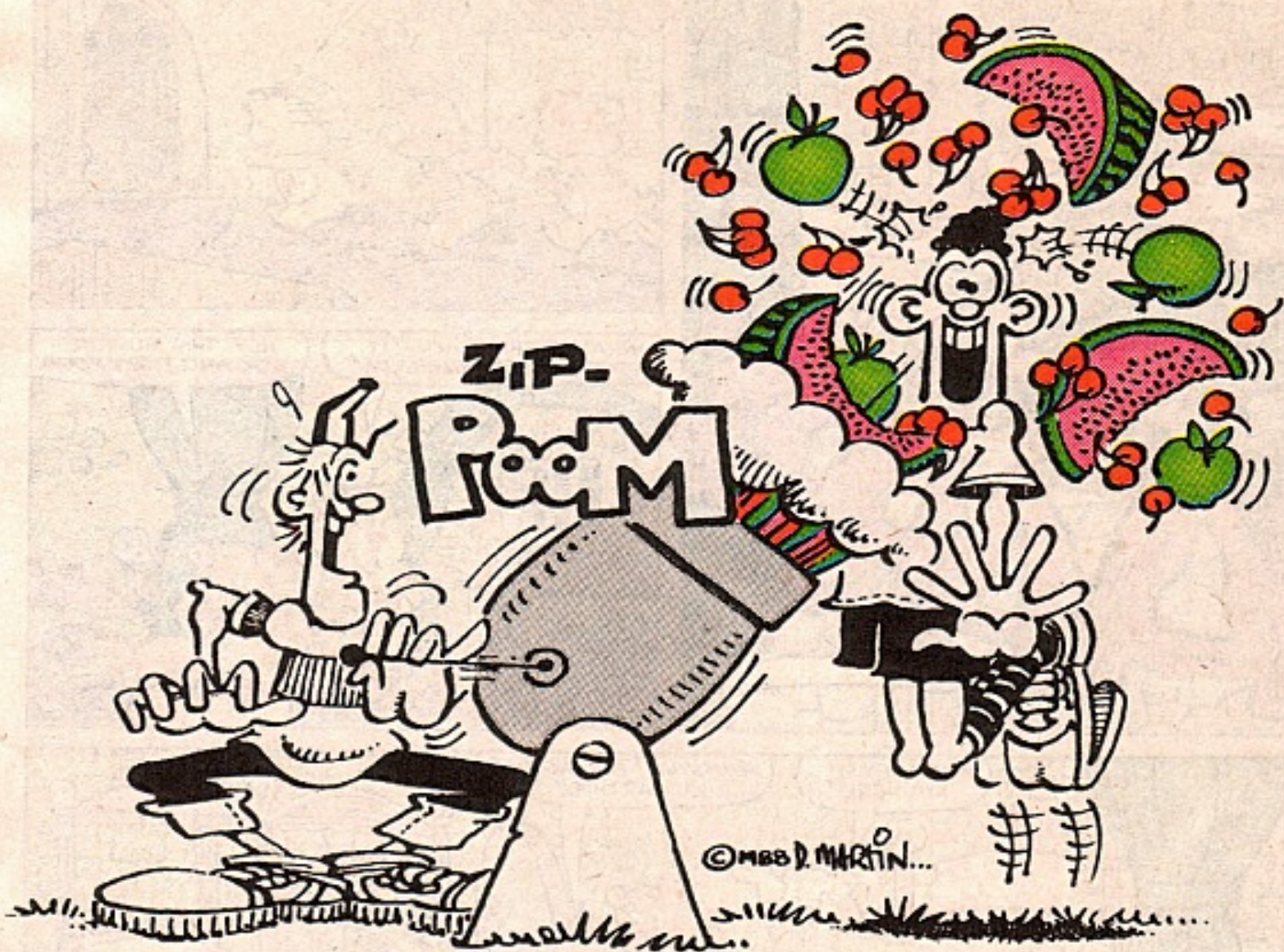
THE KIDS MUST'VE CLIMBED OUT THIS WINDOW!



AND LOOK AT THIS NOTE THEY LEFT!





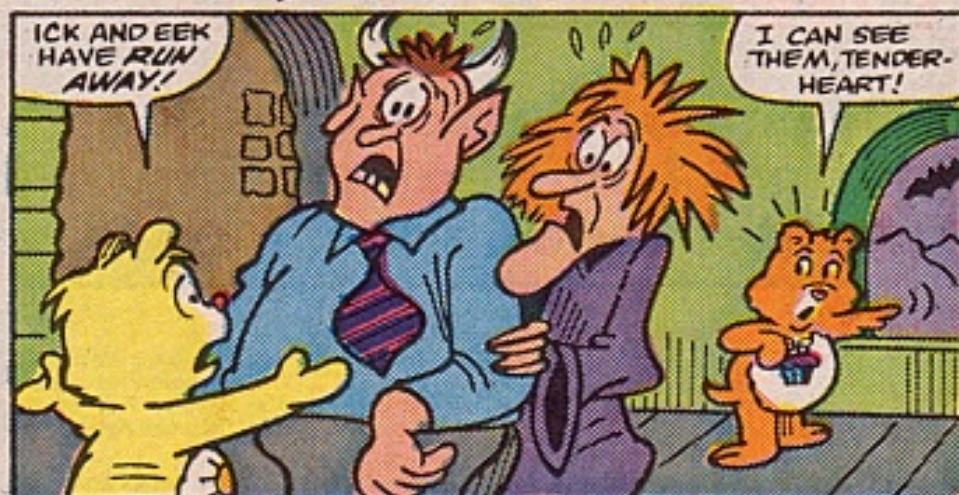


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**2. You would most characterize yourself as: (check one)**

- ☐ A leader. You're always in control of any situation and inspire confidence.  
☐ A corpsman. You're the backbone of any group; quiet, efficient, powerful.  
☐ A loner. You value getting the job done over all else.

**3. You're at your best: (check one)**

- ☐ In high-stress situations. Suddenly, you become all nerve-ends and tensed muscle.  
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☐ In the heat of action. You have a supremely high energy level.

**4. G.I. Joe Team members consider you to be: (check one)**

- ☐ A good friend to all, always there when someone needs a hand.  
☐ The type of man who inspires respect.  
☐ An offbeat combination of military skill and artistic talent.  
☐ A maverick. No one can keep up with you for long.

**5. Service Branch (check one)**

- ☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Air Force ☐ Marines ☐ Coast Guard

**6. Primary Military Specialty (check one)**

- |                                   |                                       |                                         |
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**7. Secondary Specialty (check one)**

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**8. Weapons Expert (check two)**

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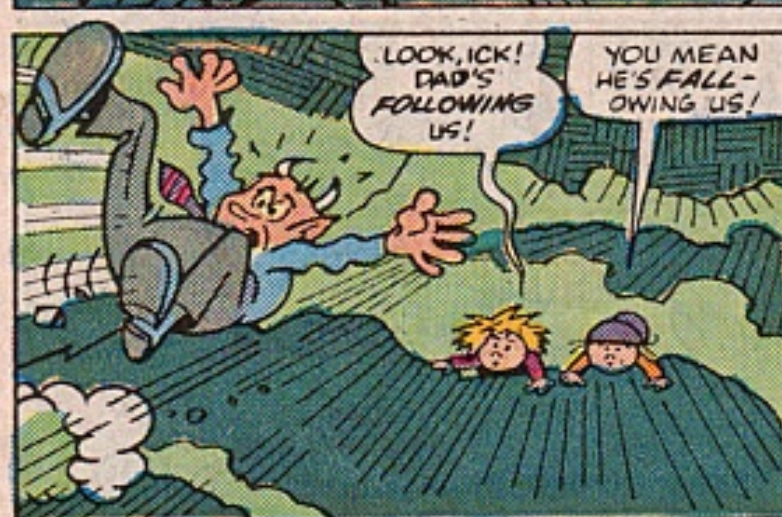
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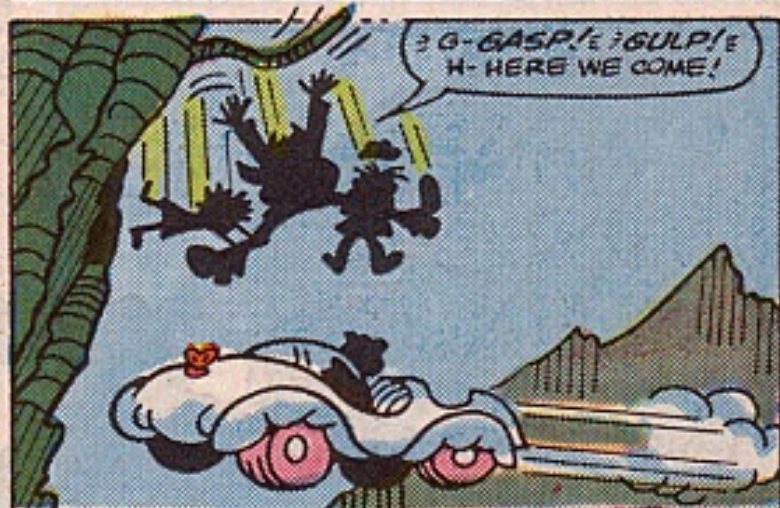
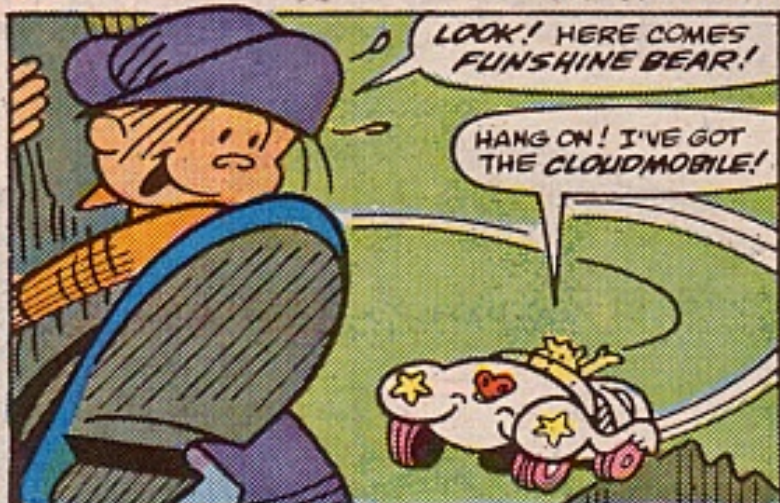
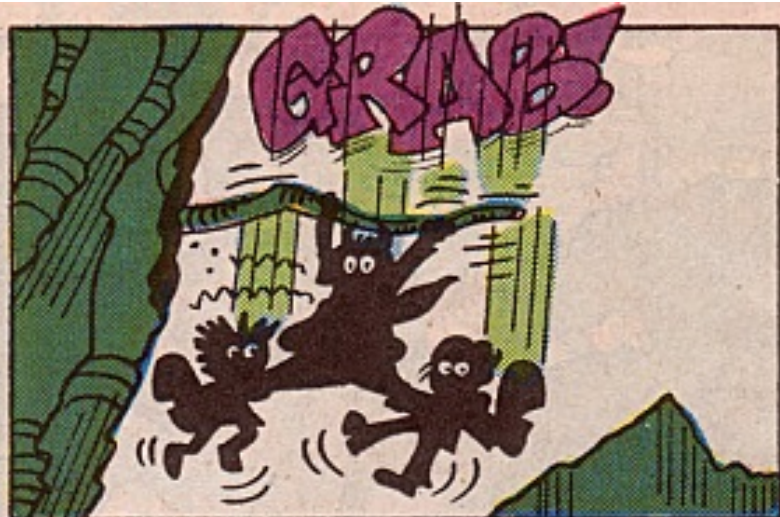
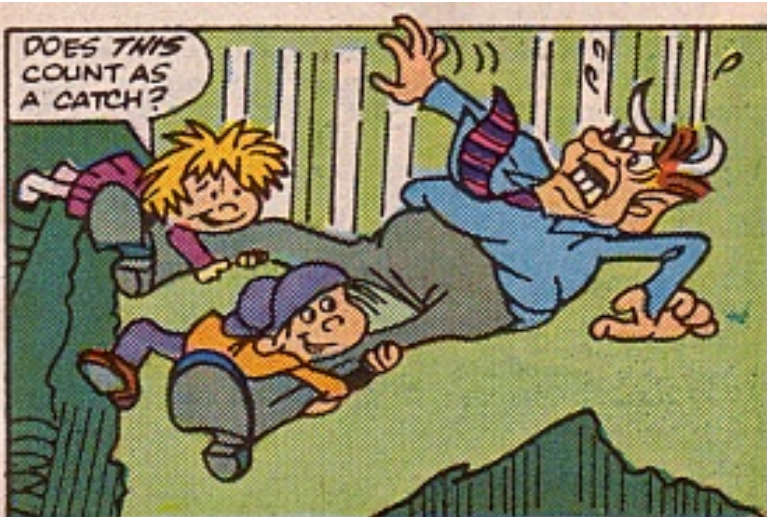
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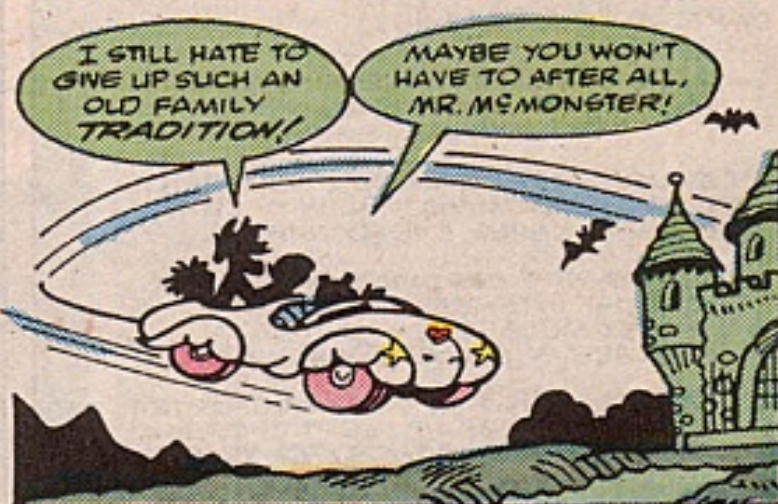
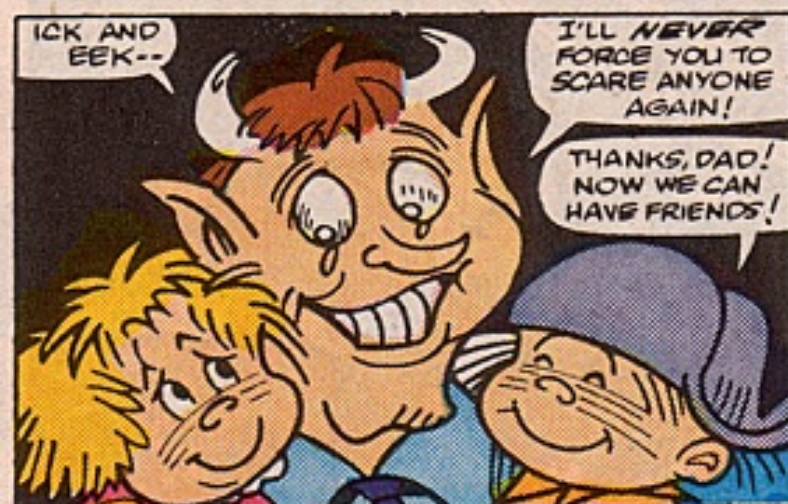
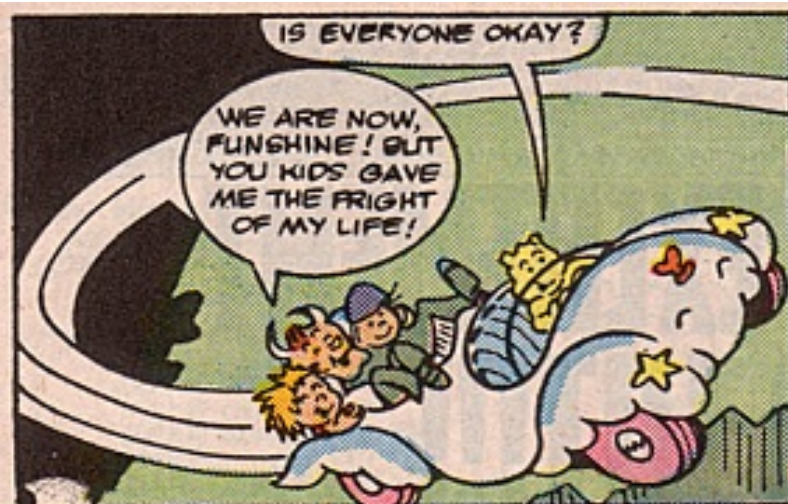














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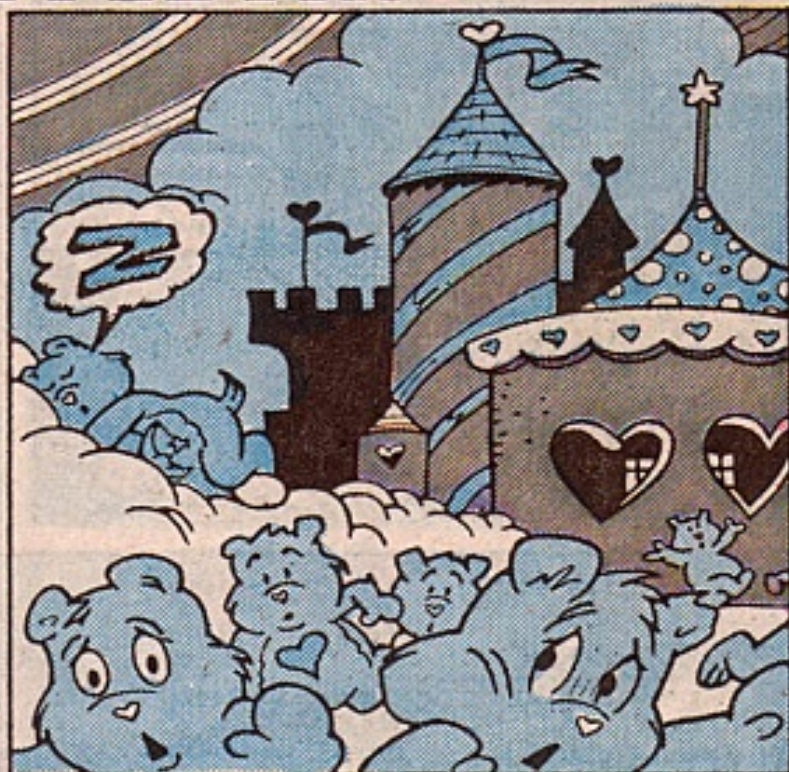
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*Sorry.*  
— The Editor



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LOTTERY IS --  
**GOOD LUCK BEAR!**

NOTICE: THIS WILL BE OUR  
LAST CARE-A-  
LOTTERY CONTEST,  
SINCE GOOD LUCK  
BEAR WINS EVERY  
WEEK! HE'S SO  
DARN LUCKY!

-- THE EDITORS.

# GRAM BEAR'S GOSSIP

"I WON'T SAY WHO, BUT A CERTAIN LITTLE  
BEAR ATE ALL THE COOKIES IN THE COOKIE  
JAR..... I HOPE YOUR TUMMY-ACHE IS  
BETTER, CHEER BEAR!"



SOMETIMES, IT'S BETTER  
NOT TO SHARE, LAST WEEK SHARE  
BEAR SHARED HIS MEASLES WITH 3 OTHER BEARS.  
THOSE LOVABLE TWINS, **BABY HUGS** AND  
**BABY TUGS**, DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WORTH  
REPORTING. I JUST WANTED TO PRINT THEIR  
PICTURE... A CERTAIN  
BEAR COULD AFFORD  
TO LOSE A FEW POUNDS...  
**OOPS! IT'S ME!!**

-- BYE FOR NOW! *Grams*



# CARE BEAR Comics

WHY ARE YOU SO  
SAD, TENDERHEART?

I LOST  
MY  
BUBBLE-  
GUM, WISH  
BEAR!



I'LL WISH FOR  
YOU TO FIND IT  
AGAIN!

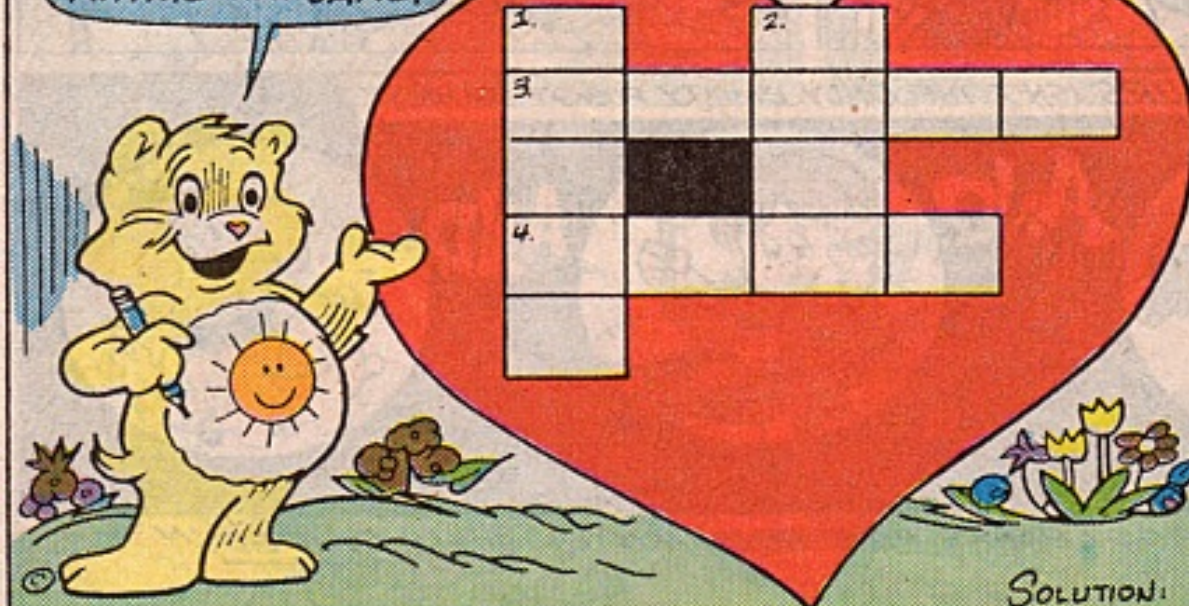


YOUR WISH CAME  
TRUE, WISH BEAR!



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ALL THE ANSWERS  
RHYME WITH CARE!



## DOWN

1. WHAT GHOSTS  
WHO SAY "BOO-  
BOO" DO.
2. BARBERS  
CUT IT.

## ACROSS

3. SOMETHING TO  
GIT ON.
4. WHAT AN UNHAPPY  
DAY IN CARE-A-  
LOT IS.



SOLUTION!



# Care Bears

IN "THE SPACE SAVER."

OR... "THIS LITTLE PIGGY WENT TO MARTIAN"

I SAVED MY MONEY IN MY PIGGY BANK TO BUY YOU A BIRTHDAY PRESENT, GRUMPY!

AW, FRIEND BEAR, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE! YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE!

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Y-Y-YOU DIDN'T?!

IT'S EMPTY!!

BUT IT WAS FILLED WITH MONEY!

AND YOU'RE FILLED WITH HOT AIR!

CARE BEARS! TAKE A LOOK DOWN BELOW!

"...IT SEEMS THAT OURS ISN'T THE ONLY EMPTY PIGGY BANK!"



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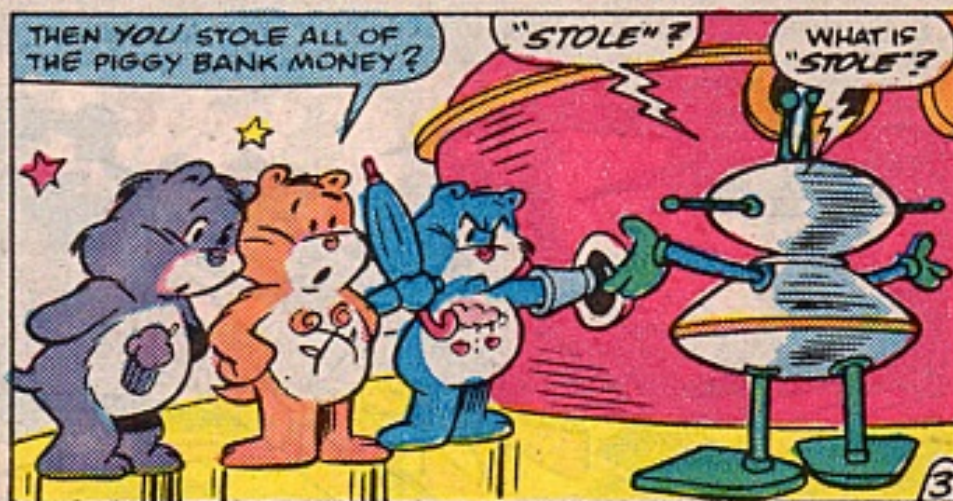
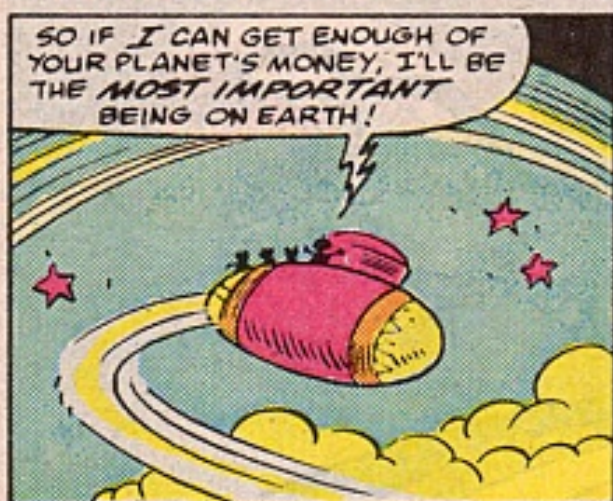
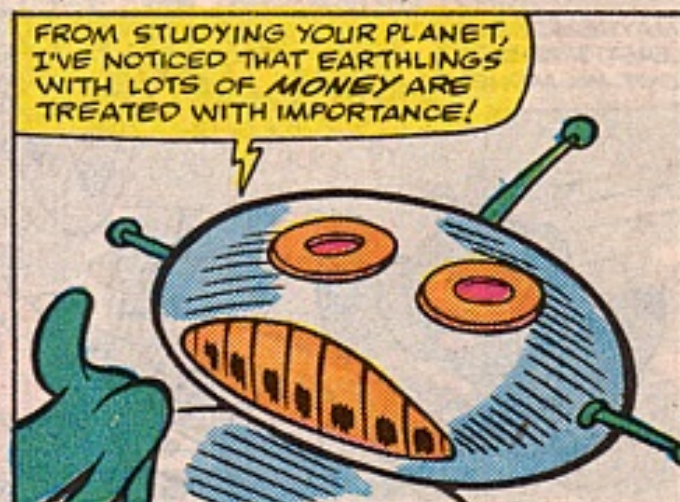
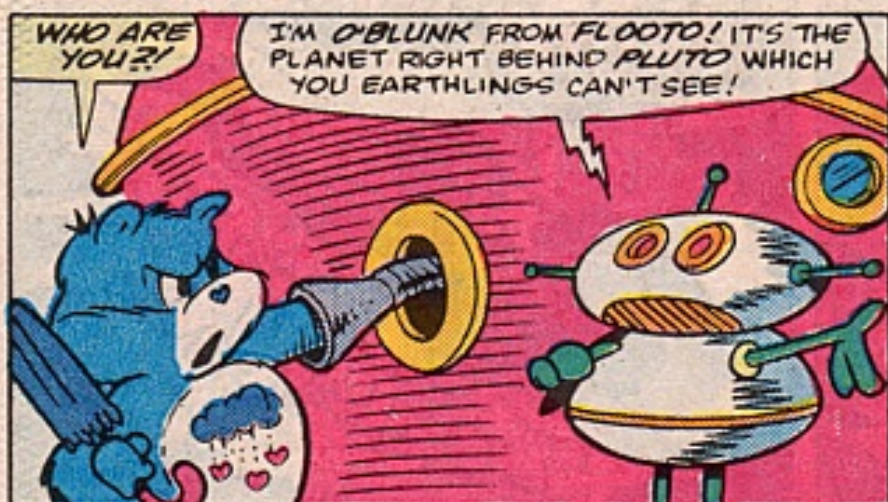
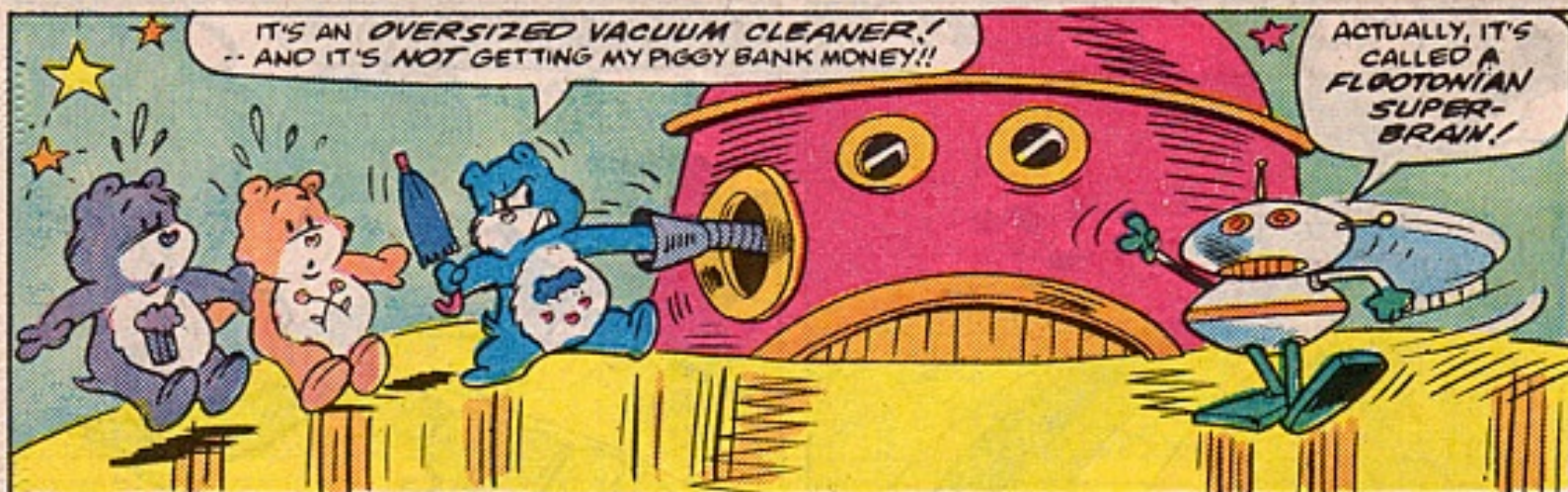
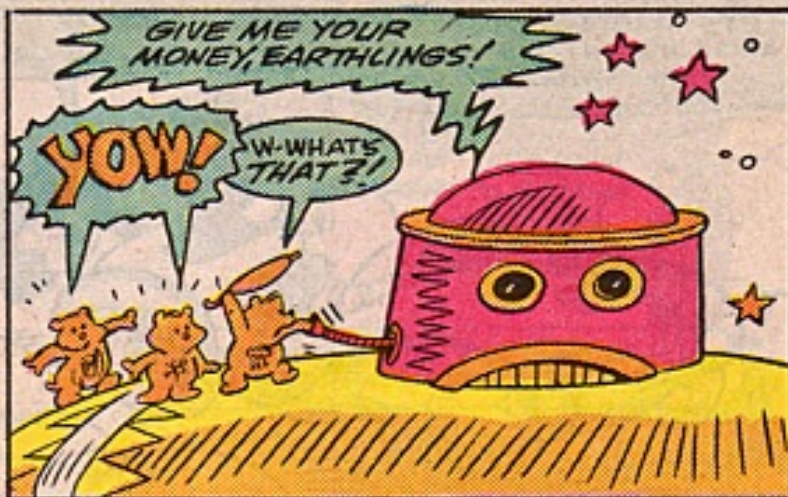
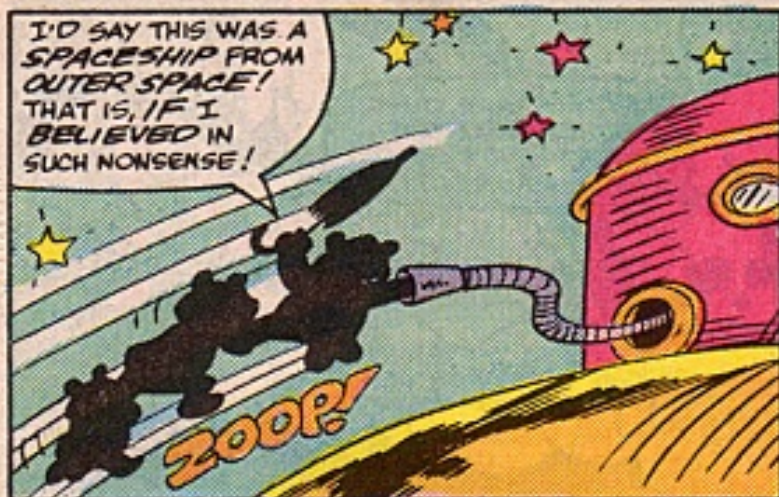


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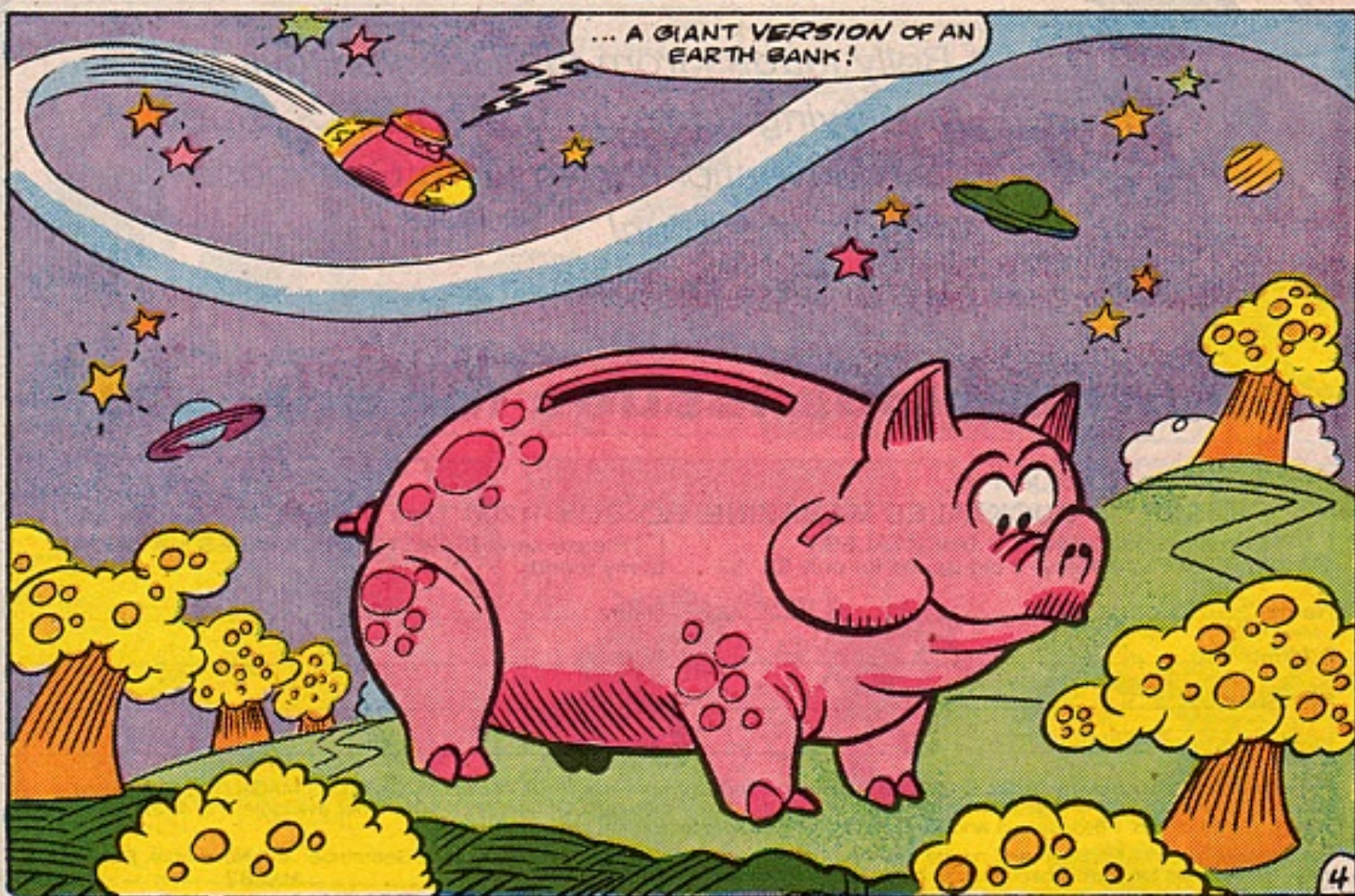
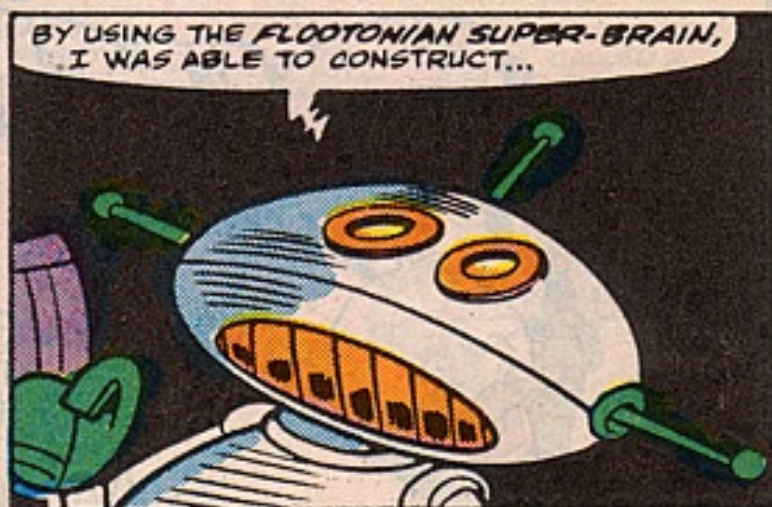
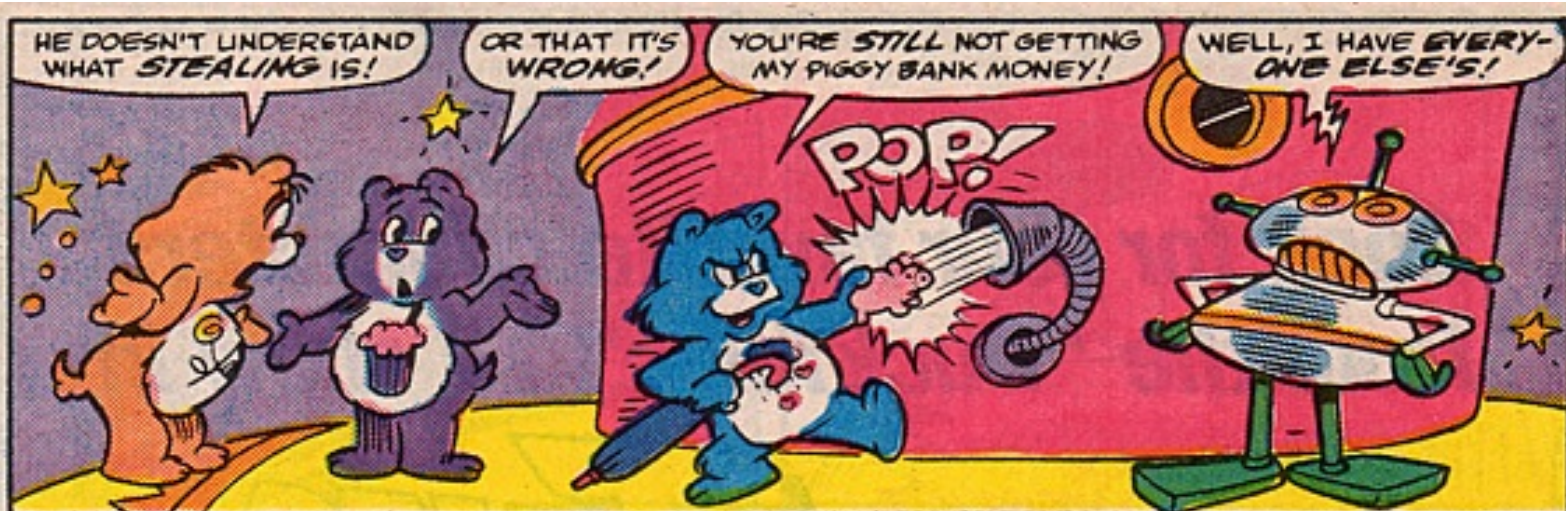
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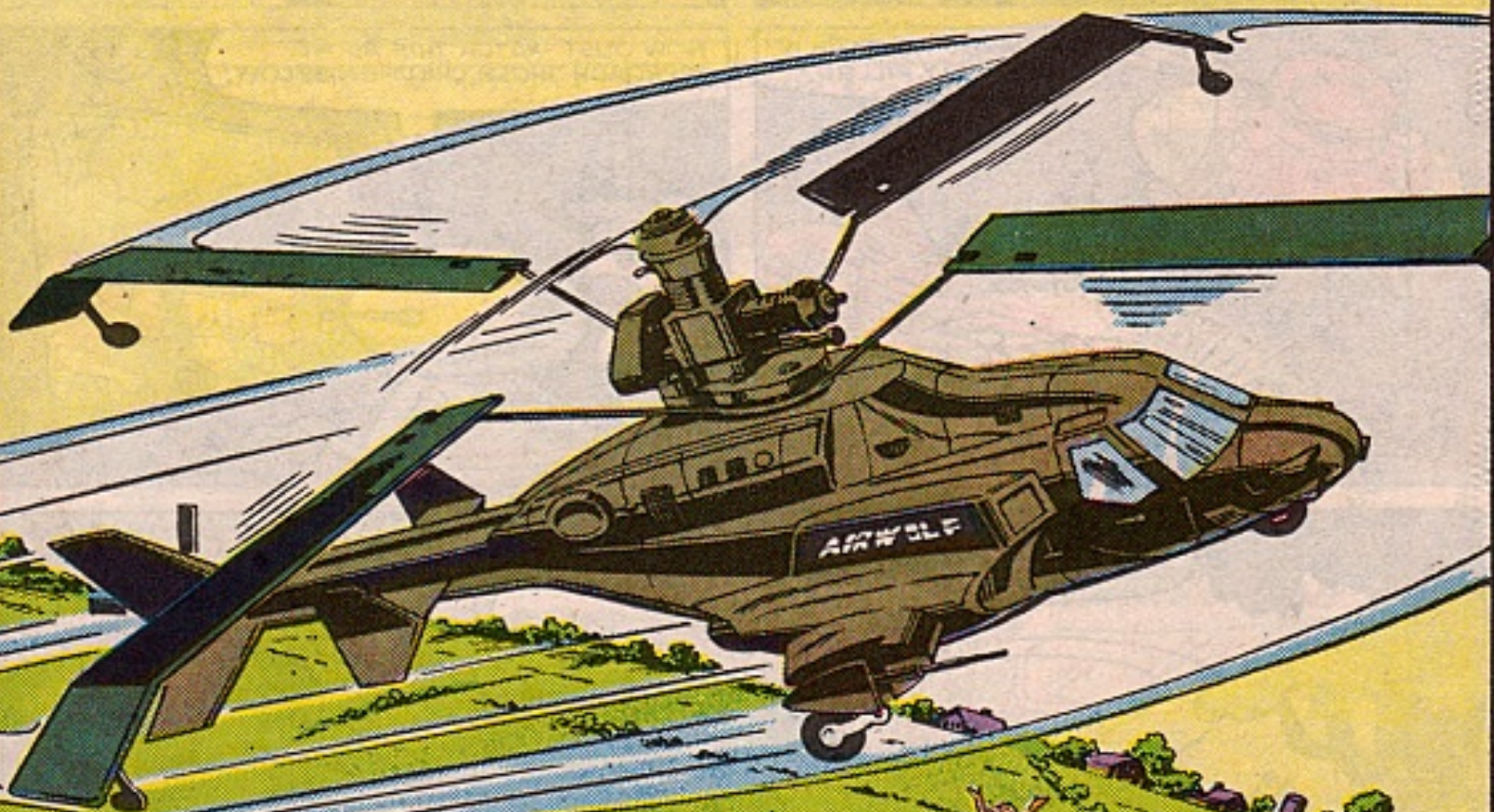






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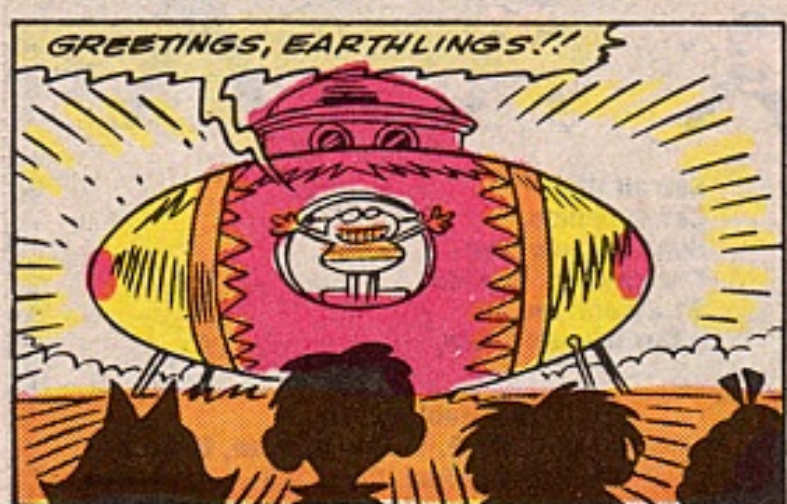
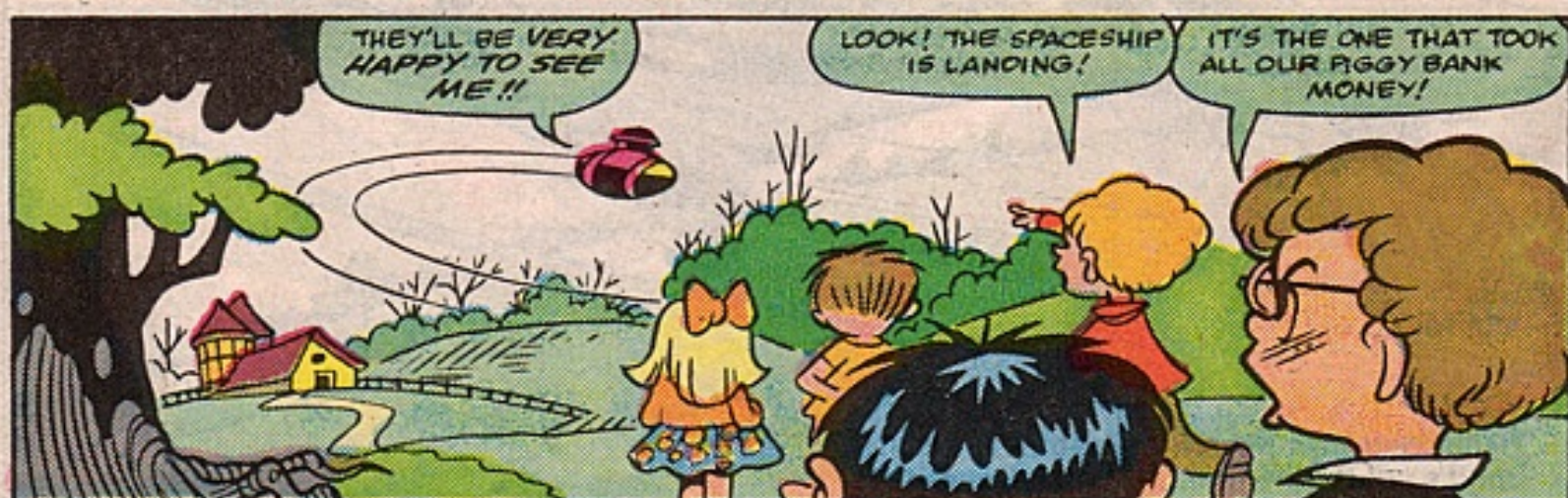
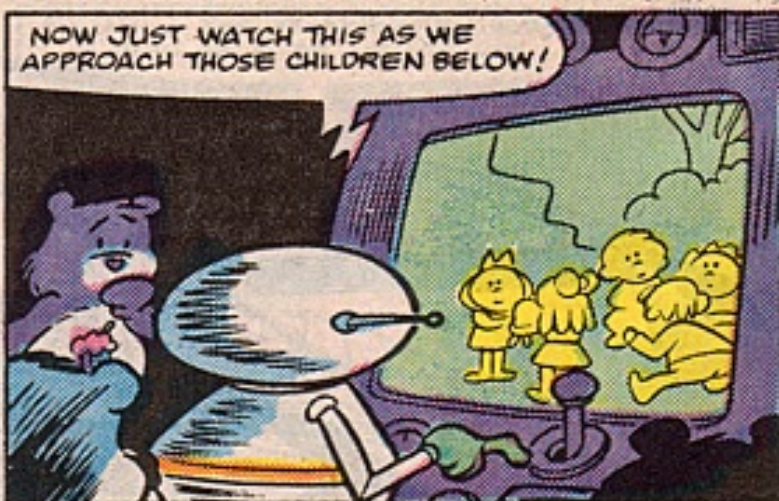
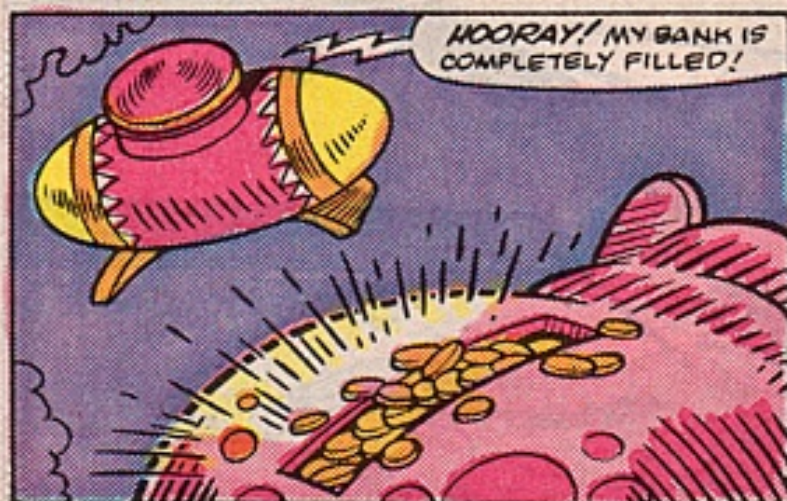
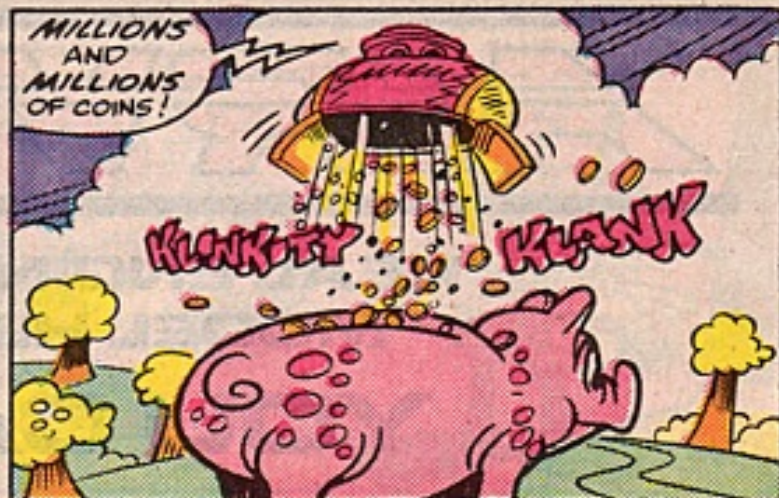
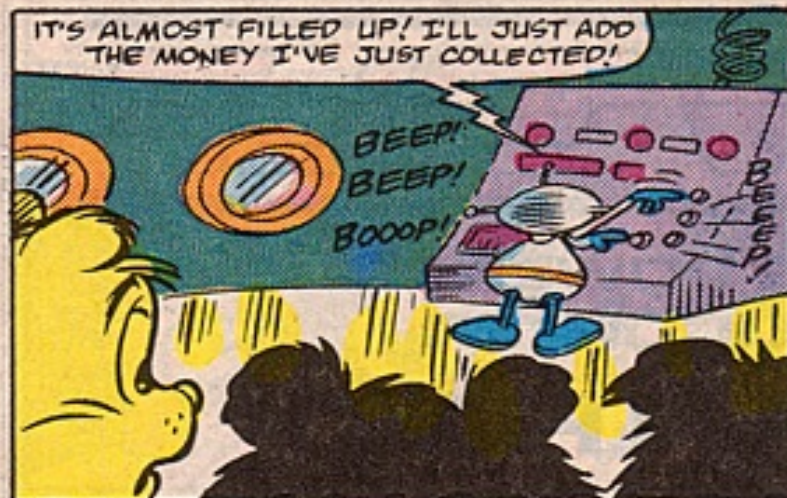


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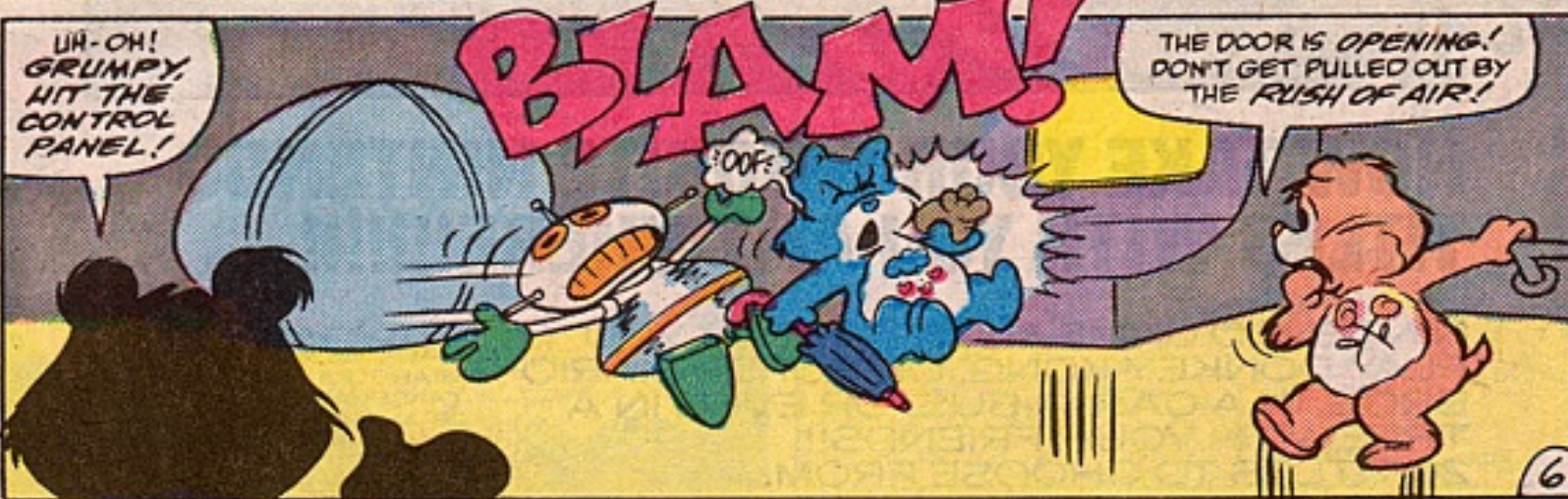
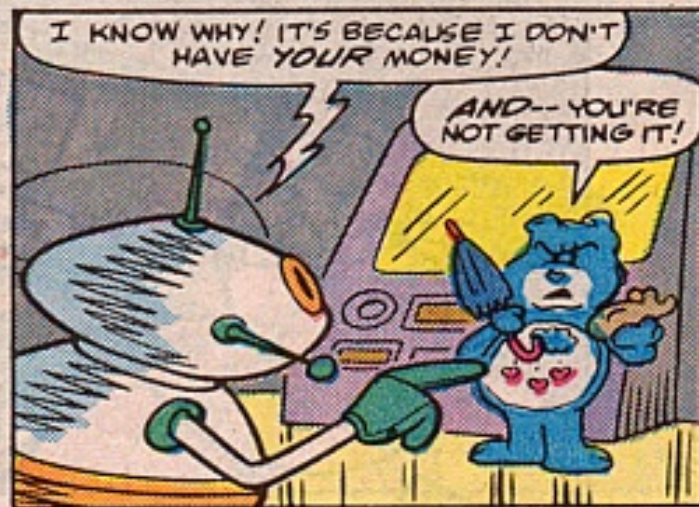
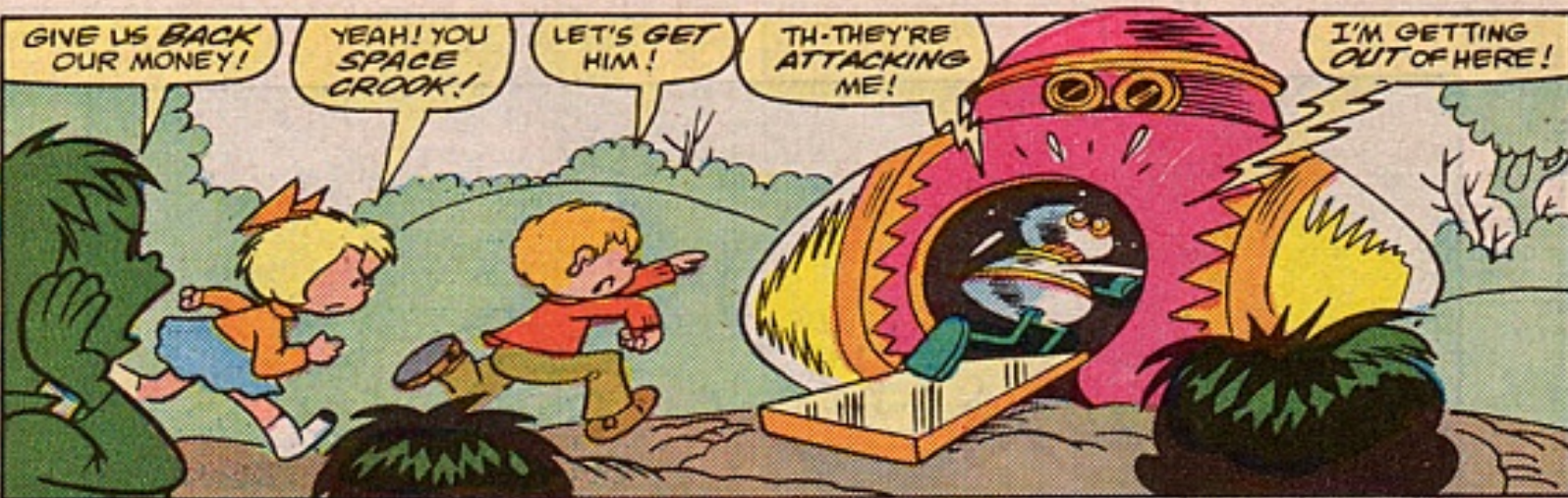


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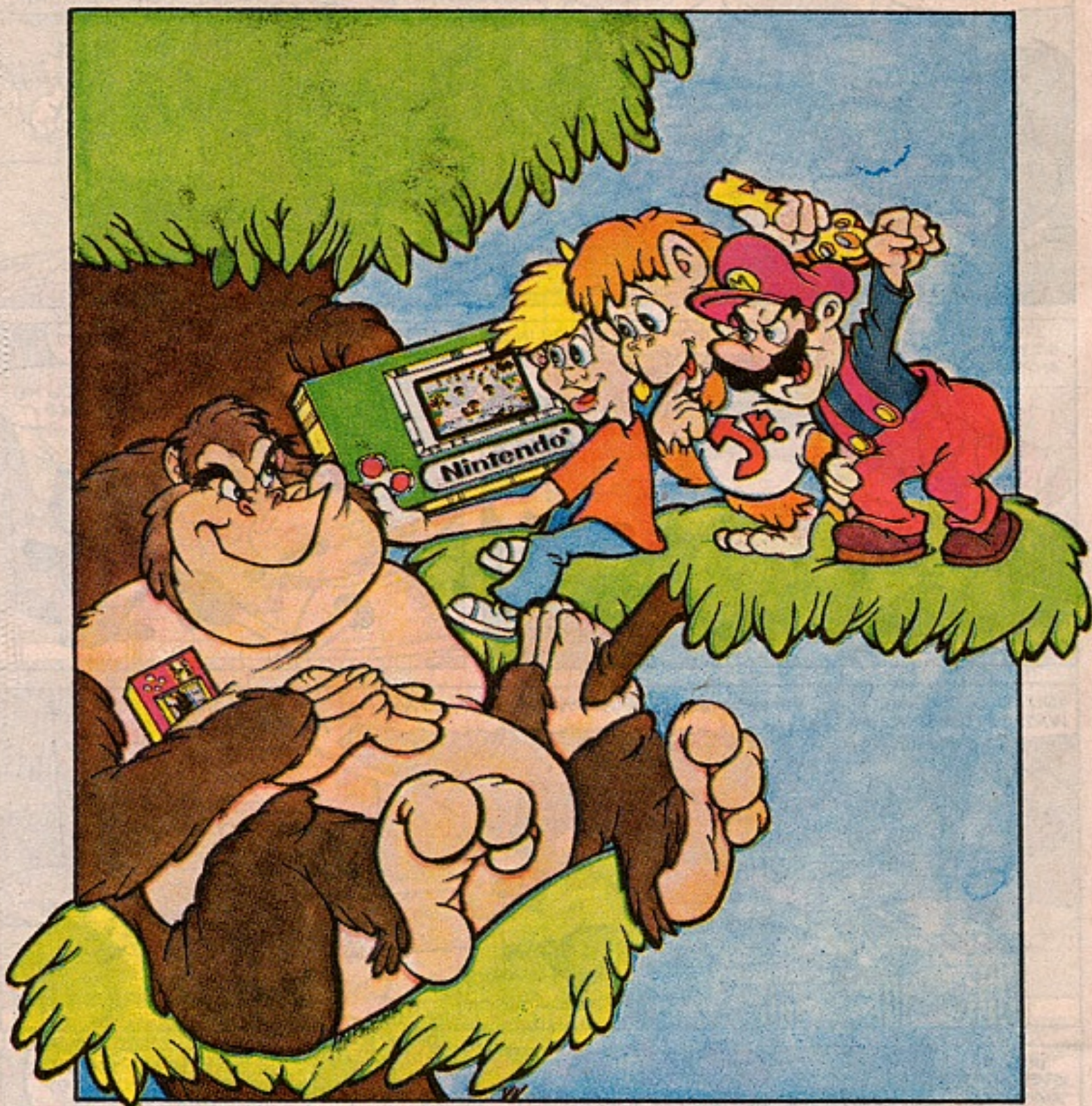










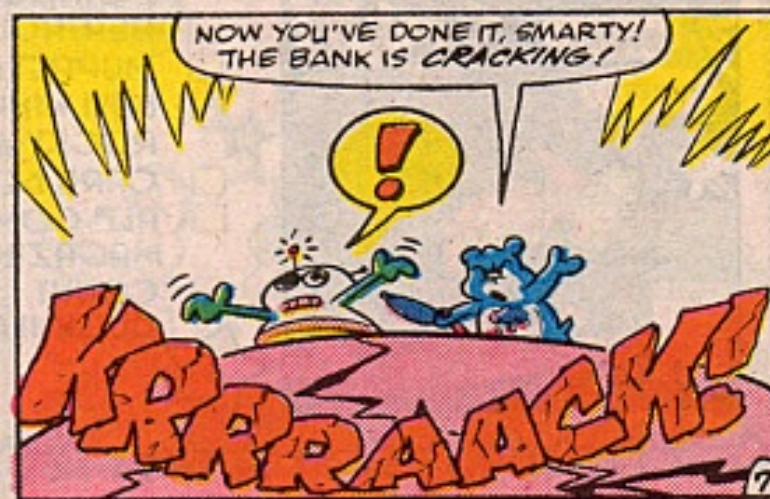
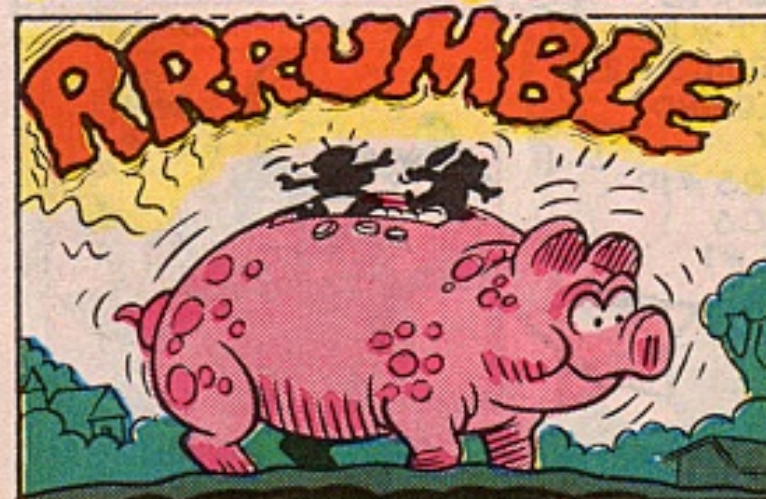
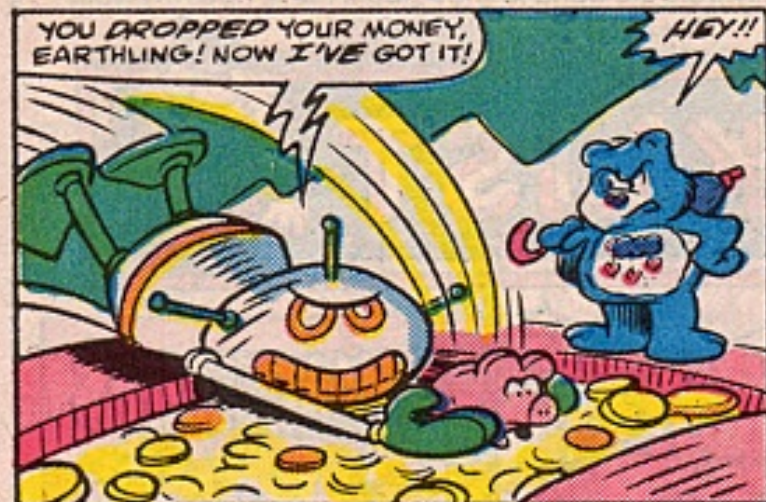
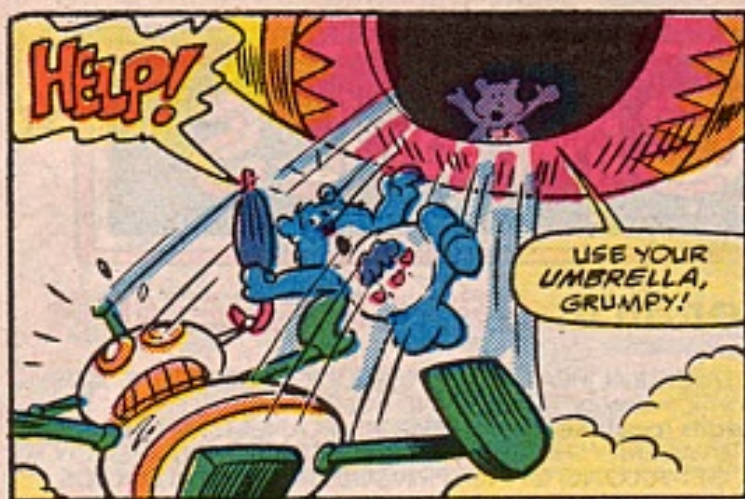


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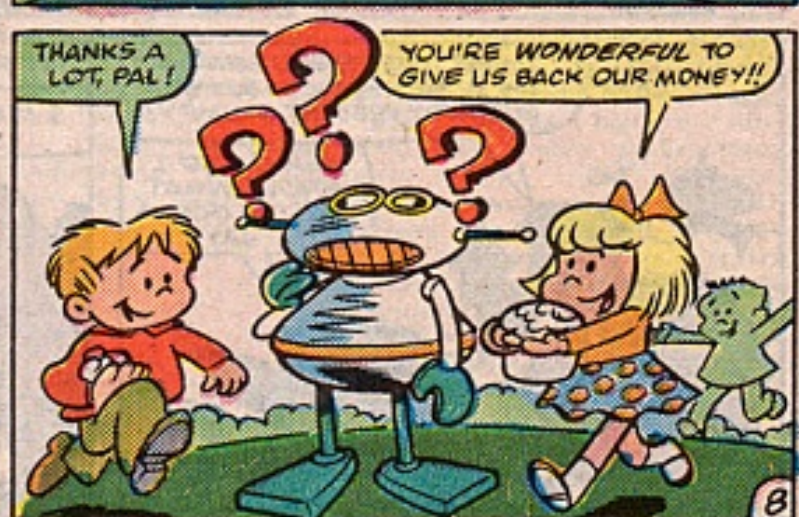
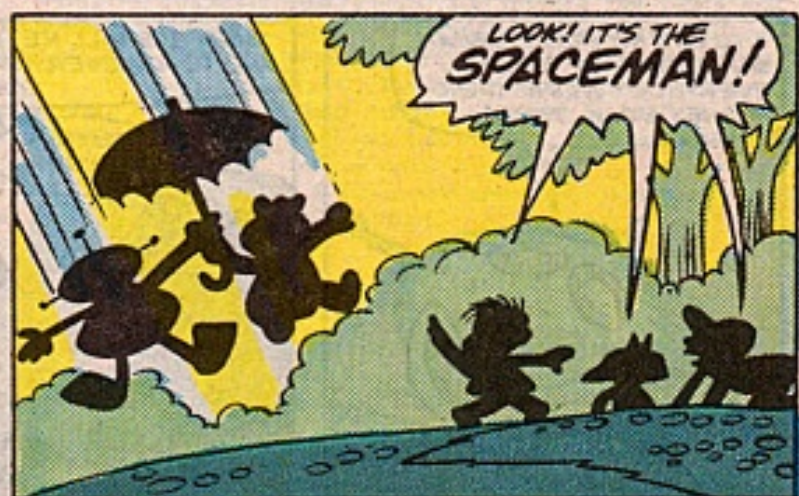
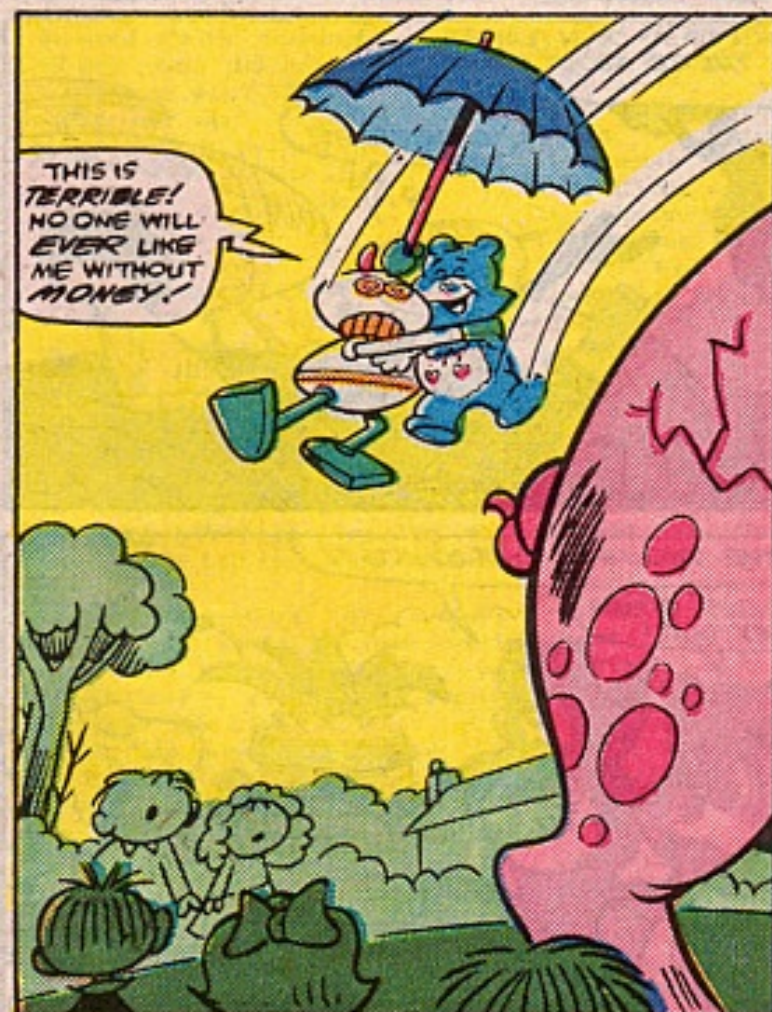
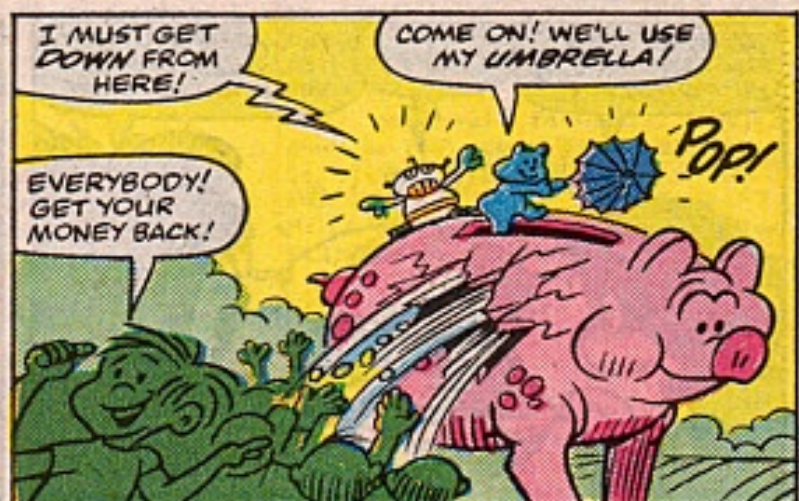
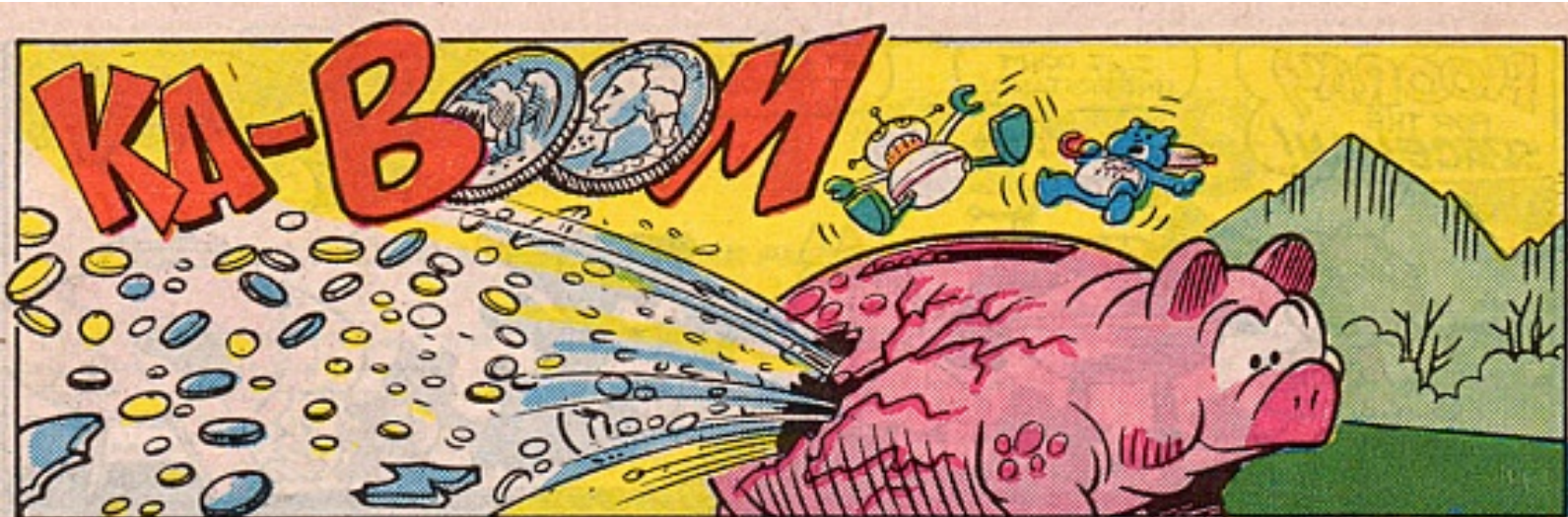
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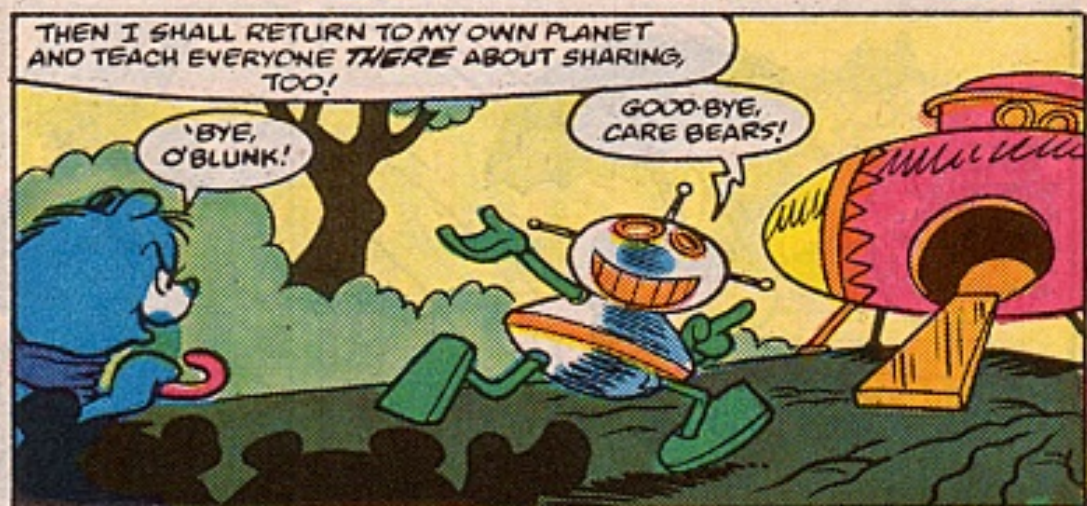
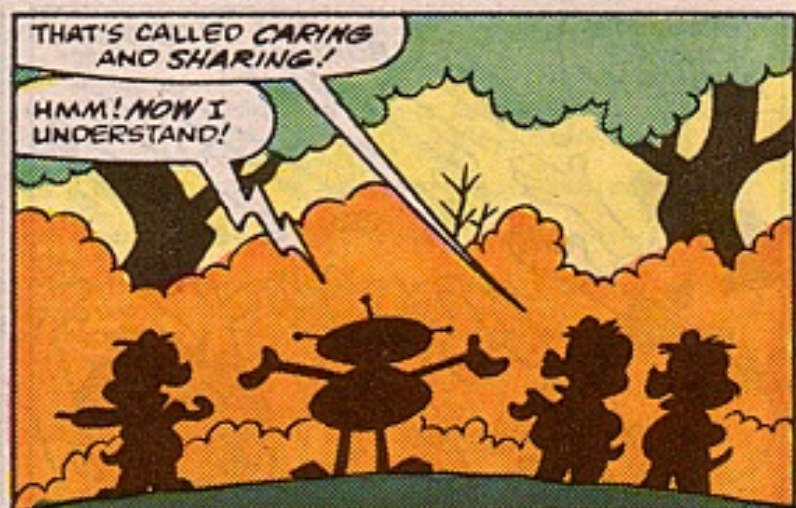
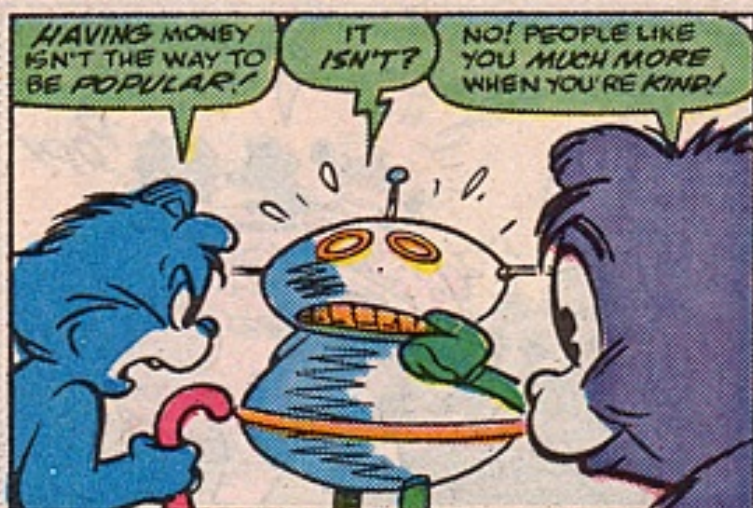
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# Bear Facts

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Dear STAR,

I love the CARE BEARS, and I think their adventures are really funny!

Out of all the Bears, Grumpy is my favorite. But how can I make him less grumpy? What if I said I wanted to meet him? What would he say?

Robin Brady  
Sarasota, FL

Thanks for the kind words, Robin! And we did give your message to Grumpy. We had a hunch what his response might be... and we were right! Here it is, direct from the Bear's mouth--

"Hrmmph!! Prob'ly rain!"

(Maybe you should offer him an umbrella?)

Dear CARE BEARS,

CARE BEARS is the best! Especially issue #18, when the Sand-Witch stole everyone's lunch.

Howard Post's drawings are fantastic! How did he learn to draw the Bears so well? Someday, I'd like to draw like that. I know that if I practice hard, it could happen.

Claire Gridley  
Wilmette, IL

Yup, we agree, Claire! Howard Post is a very special artist--and his drawings show how much he cares, especially about art! Caring strongly is very important when you want to do something well--and you might want to think about that yourself, when you practice drawing. Perhaps drawing the Care Bears would help remind you!

In the meantime, try looking at some of Howie's other work for STAR. He also works on HEATHCLIFF, and until recently, he drew MADBALLS! You should also keep an eye out for the future, 'cause we have some very important (and surprising!) projects lined up for Howie, soon! Keep watching!

Dear CARE BEARS,

My name is Sara. I am four years old. My momma is writing this for

me because I don't know how to write.

I love all my family, and I love all the Care Bears. I hope they have a nice day. Tell Grumpy Bear not to be grumpy all the time.

I live in Sun Valley, Nevada. Come visit me someday, or some year! I hope you love me as much as I love you.

Love,

Sara Blake  
Sun Valley, NV

Whew, Sara! Between you and your brother John, there's a lot of loving going on in that sunny valley! What a nice place to love! Er, live! Or, rather, all of the above!

Thanks for showing us what a talented brother-sister writing team can do!

Dear CARE BEARS,

Your magazine is great! I love reading it. I also like to read it to my little sister.

Sometimes I imagine that the Care Bears are climbing, into their cloudmobile, and coming to visit me! I wish they would, and I would help them battle No-Heart. Then I would try to tame Beastly, because I think he does have a good heart inside. I could teach him to be nice. Maybe he would wash the dishes, so I don't have to.

Susan Allyse  
Little Neck, NY

Hmm. Ve-ry interesting idea, though we think you'll have a lot of training to do before Beastly wants to wash your dishes! Maybe you could wash them together. After all, sharing and cooperating are good ways to show how much you feally care! (Think about it--it's already working with your little sister!)

Dear Bear People,

I'm ten years old and I love CARE BEARS. First I saw them on TV, and now I read them, too.

My mother told me I could get a subscription to CARE BEARS, and to

one other comic. But I can't decide which one! What do you think? My brother wants ALF.

Stephen Williams  
Hartford, CT

That's a hard question, Stephen! Maybe you should go to your local comics store and check out all the titles, to decide which ones you like best!

Of course, if you want to know our personal favorites, we're glad to tell you. They happen to be MUPPET BABIES and COUNT DUCKULA... and HEATHCLIFF, BULLWINKLE & ROCKY... plus FLINTSTONE KIDS and ALF!

(Er, guess we aren't much help, anyway, are we? Good luck with your very pleasant dilemma!)

Dear Bear Facts,

I'm ten, and my name is Mike. I love you, Care Bear comics!

I liked "No-Heart's Rhyme-Crimes" [ish #17]. He rhymed the bears and they turned into what he rhymed! I rhymed Brave-Heart Lion and Good Luck Bear. Brave Heart became Slave Heart Lion, and Friar Tuck Bear is Good Luck Bear. I hope you like the pictures I sent.

I have one question: why is Grams Bear smart?

Mike Wilczek  
Great Falls, MT

Mike, you know how all the Bears make mistakes once in awhile, right? When they're in a new situation, and don't know how to handle it? Well, Grams has been in most of those situations, and she's made most of those mistakes--except it was long ago, before anyone thought to put it in a comic book! Lucky for her, Grams has a long memory, and won't make those mistakes again. But it's also lucky for us. Grams still remembers how awful it feels to make a mistake--so she's extra understanding when others do the blundering!

And, wow, Mike! You're a poet and know it! We're glad you wanted to show it! (Though we're also glad No-Heart didn't see your pics--that dastardly villain doesn't need any more help in annoying our Bears!)



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